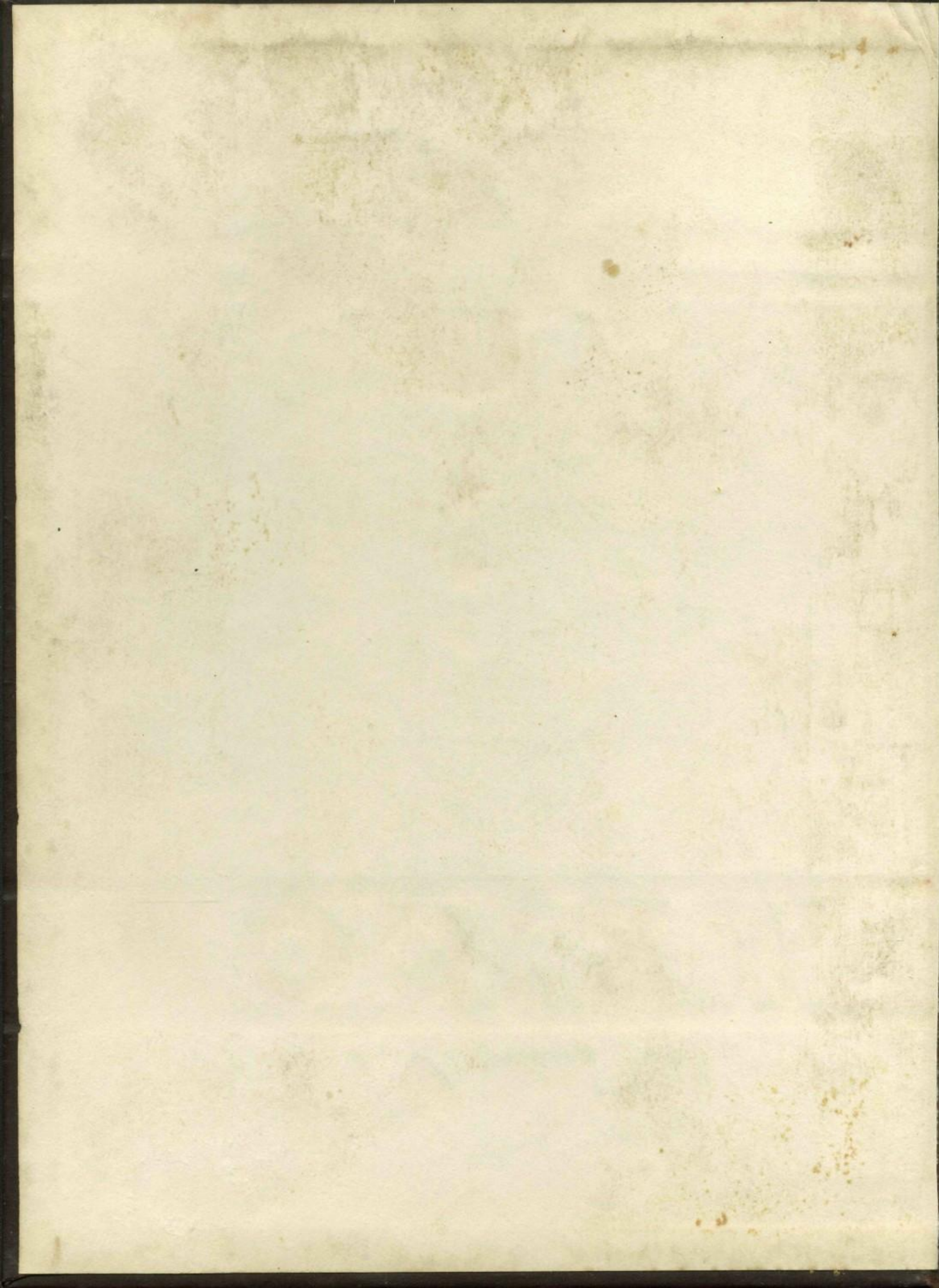
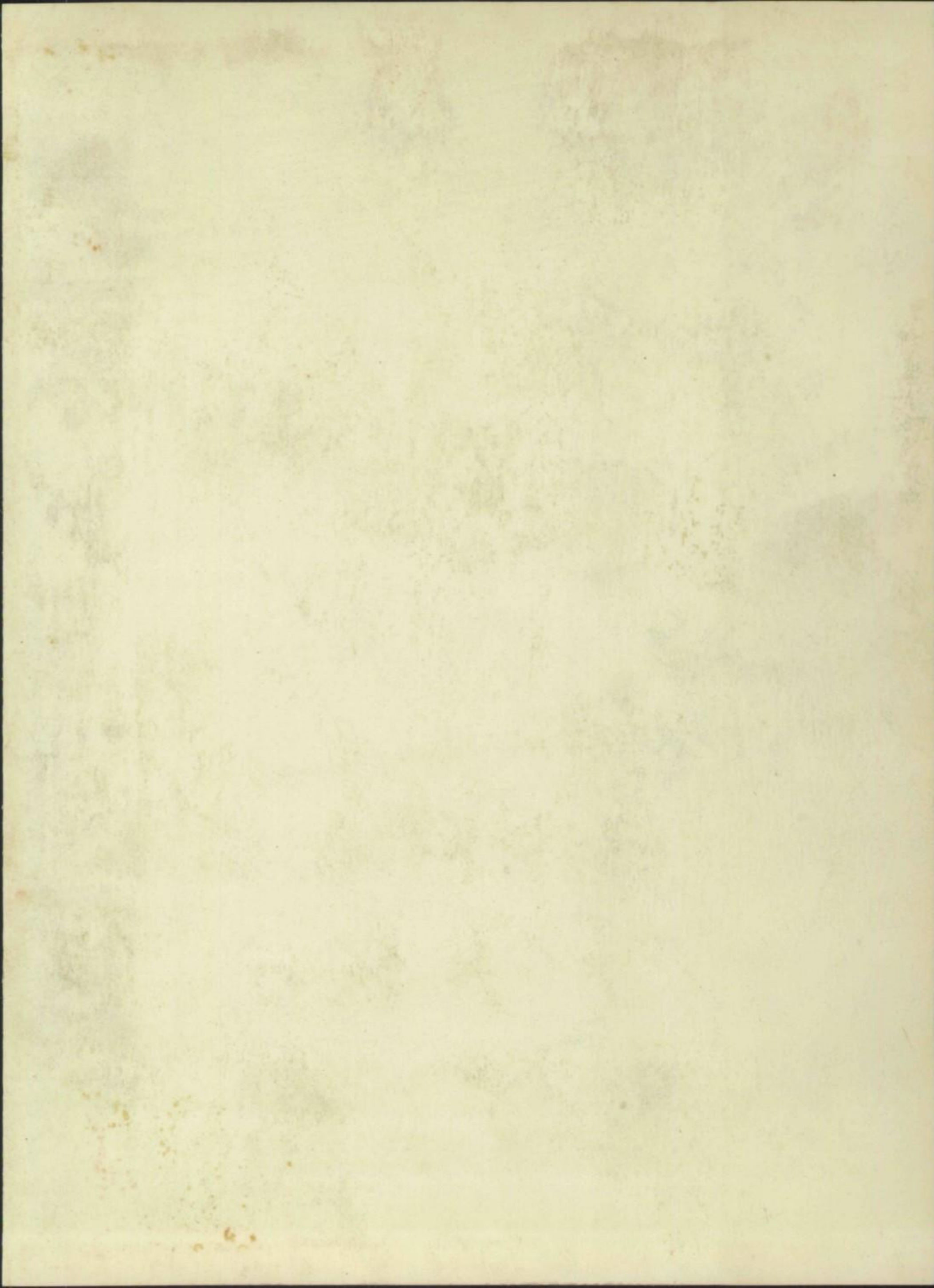


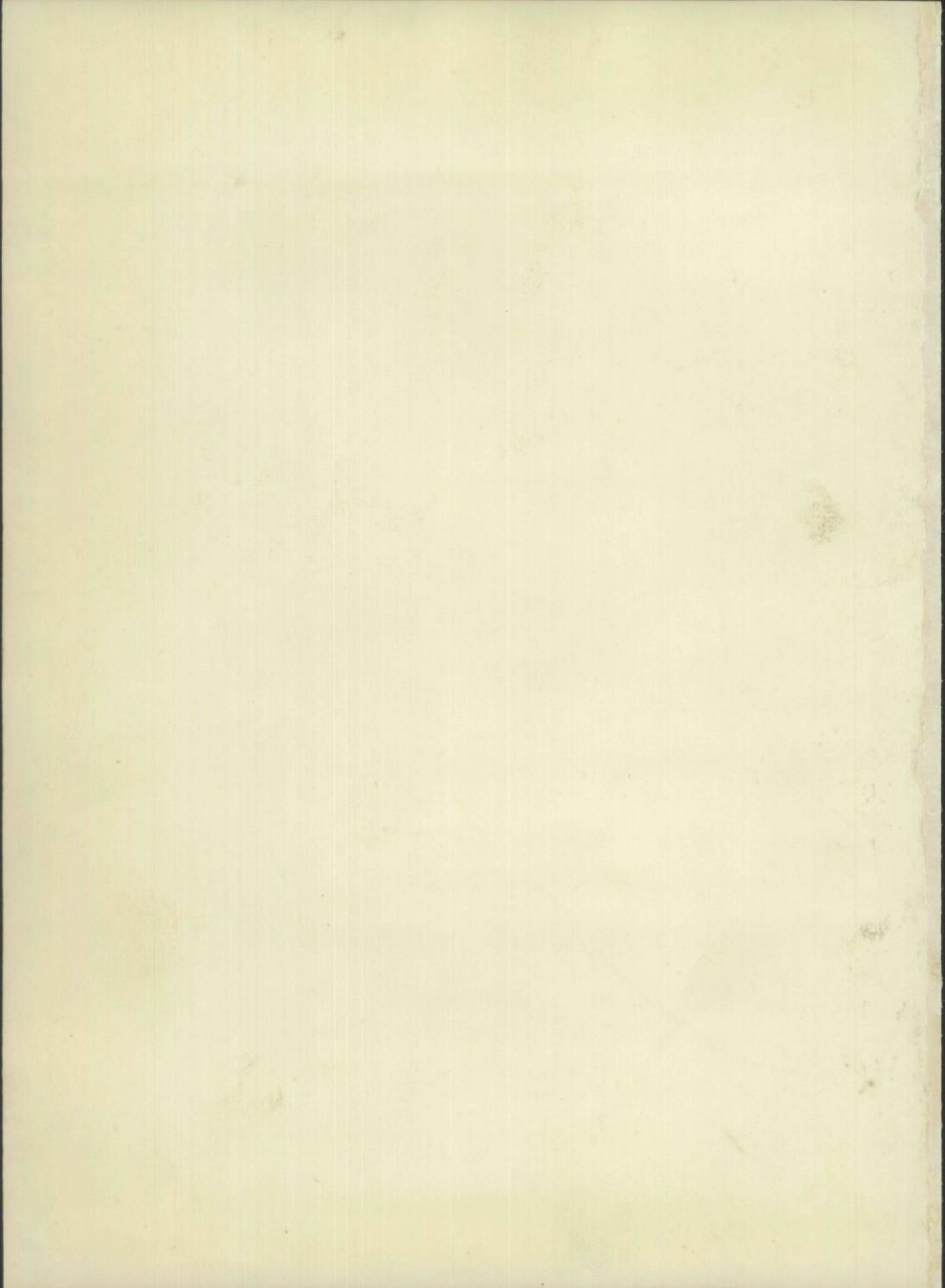


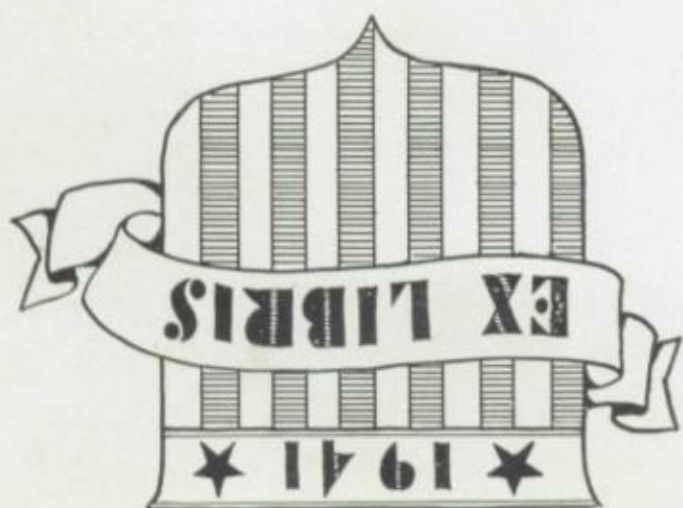
WEICON

1941









Foreword

*U*NDER the title of "WEICON" we respectfully submit for your consideration a review of four happy and profitable school years—four years in which we tried to the best of our ability to uphold the best interests of our Alma Mater.

The patriotic motif reflected on every page of this publication will call to your minds these troublous days when a national crisis necessitated many of us to answer the call to the colors of our country.

It is our earnest hope that every word and picture will bring smiles to your faces, pleasant memories to your minds, and a warm glow to your hearts as you read again and again what in our humble way we have written for your approval.



WOMELSDORF HIGH SCHOOL
WOMELSDORF, PA.

Alma Mater

The blue of our colors is like the azure blue of dawn,
The gold like that rich hue that is seen in the rising sun,
Short are the years we spent with thee, and ere from thee we part,
We wish to tell thee of the love that's hidden in our heart.

Chorus:

We love thee Alma Mater, and e'er to thee'll be true,
Alma Mater, Alma Mater, we love thy gold and blue;
We love thee Alma Mater, and e'er to thee'll be true,
Alma Mater, Alma Mater, we love thy gold and blue.

We love our Alma Mater dear, we love her blue and gold,
And ever at her blessed feet our treasures will unfold,
We love to hear her praises dear as swift the years roll by,
In gentle cooing of her doves that nest mid earth and sky.



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*W*E dedicate the WEICON to
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helping hand has been a guiding
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*W*E, the senior class of 1941, when looking for a title for our year-book, could find none better than WEICON, taken from the name of that famous Berks Countian, Conrad Weiser—(WEI-ser, CON-rad).

Conrad Weiser was born in 1696, on the second of November, in Afstaedt, Württemberg. At the age of fourteen, he emigrated from Germany with his parents and a company from the Palatinates. They settled in a group in New York. Here young Conrad lived for eight months with an Indian chief, who took a great fancy to him and taught him the Indian language, so valuable during his life. In 1723, with many of his German neighbors, he settled at Tulpehocken near Reading. He engaged in farming and acquired a large tract of land in Heidelberg Township. His knowledge of the Mohawk secured him a position as interpreter for the province in 1732. He held this position as long as he could attend to its duties and was present at all the treaties made. His word was held in great respect by the Red Men. During the French and Indian War, he was commander of all the forces raised west of the Susquehanna. In his last years he lived in Reading. He died in 1760 and was buried in the family graveyard near Womelsdorf.

Conrad Weiser was the "father" of the so-called Pennsylvania Germans. Let it be remembered and repeated that our ancestry numbers in its line noble characters—men who would grace any position in life. Here is a pioneer in civilization, an honorable and an honored public officer, and historical character abreast with the men of his day. As such he left:

"Footprints that perhaps another
Sailing over life's solemn main
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother
Seeing, shall take heart again."

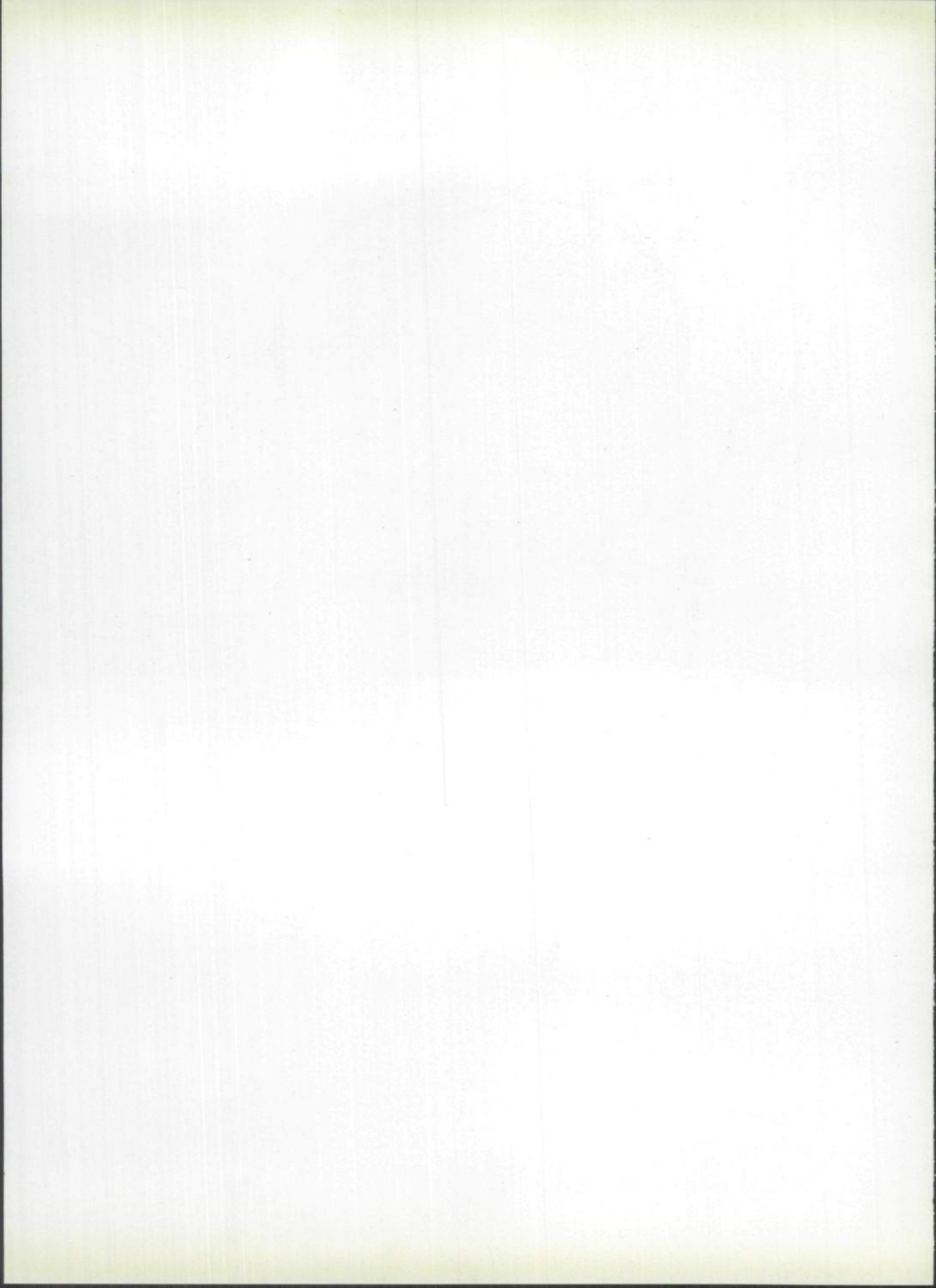
A bronze tablet in the west wall of Stichter's Hardware Store, Fifth and Penn Streets, Reading, bears the following quotation—"Posterity will not forget his services." These words were spoken by Washington as he stood by the grave of Conrad Weiser at Womelsdorf. This memorial was purchased with money contributed by the school children of Berks County.

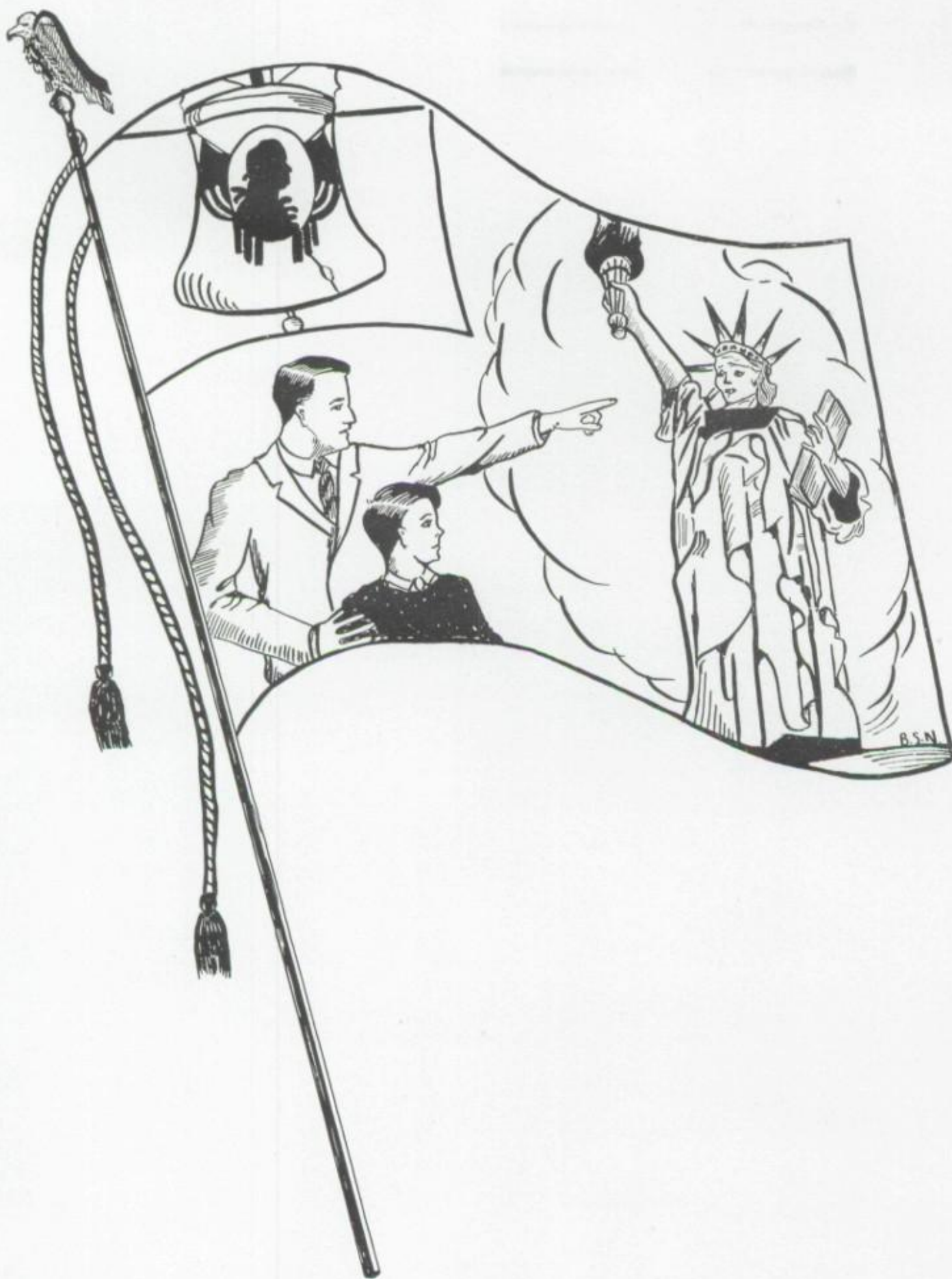
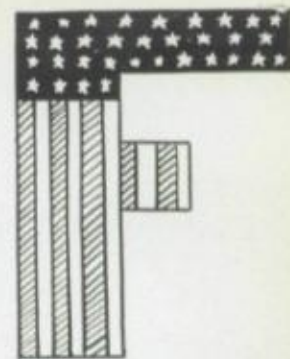
Finally, Conrad Weiser believed in one maxim we all can follow: "Be thyself"—a motto that is overlooked and neglected too much today. But remembering it, our hero may prove for us the words of truth in Longfellow's poem:

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

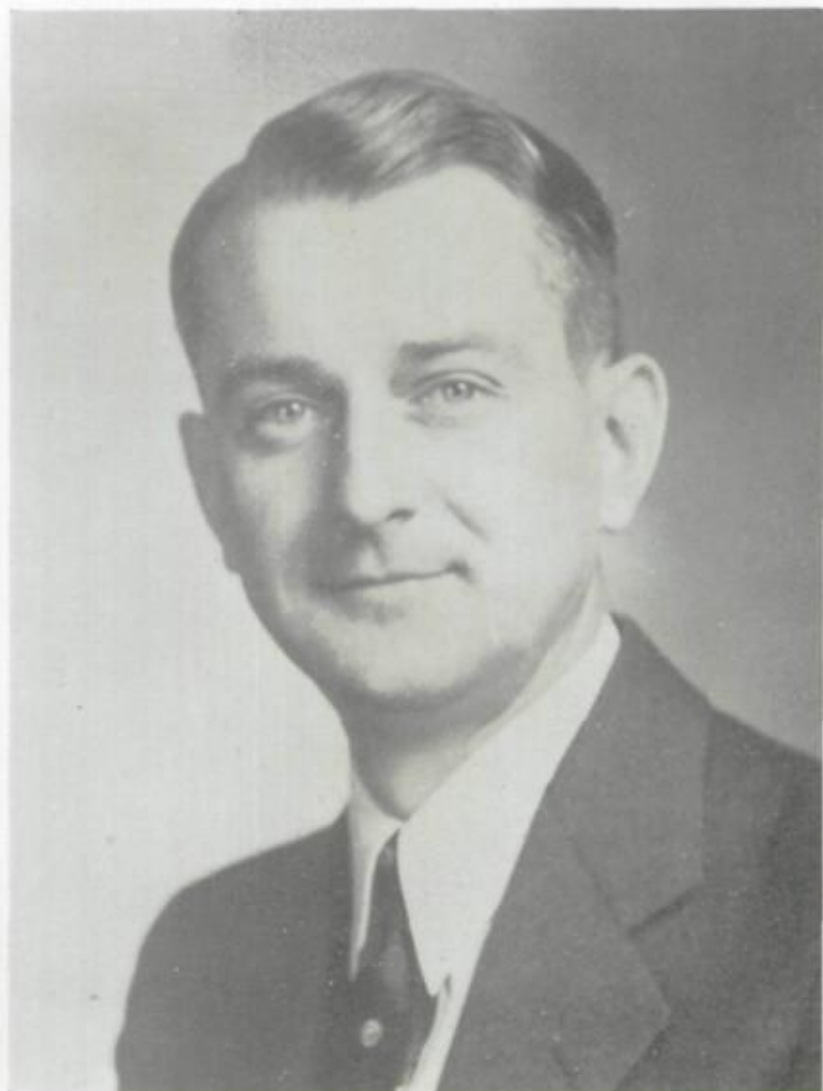
We trust that the name WEICON may live in cherished remembrance of one of Womelsdorf's greatest citizens, Conrad Weiser.







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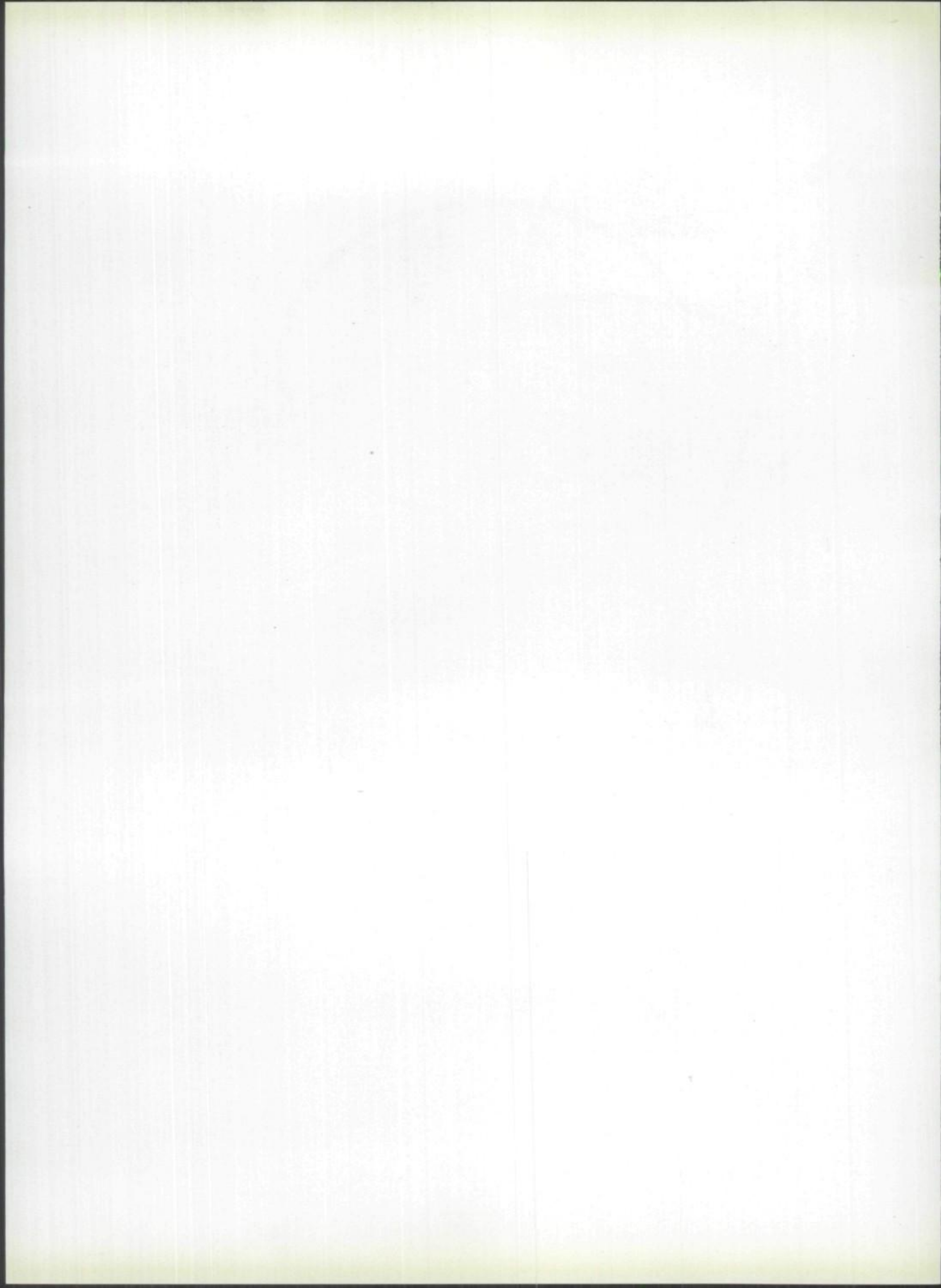
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Class Motto

"HONOR LIES AT LABOR'S GATE"

Class Flower

AMERICAN BEAUTY ROSE

Class Colors

MAROON AND GREY

SHIRLEY ANDERSON

"Windy"

TO THIS lovely fair-haired girl of the senior class, we wish the best of luck. Her gay manner and ever-ready smile made her a true friend and valuable asset to the class. She is known throughout for her ability to make chocolate cakes. Although she ranks high in dramatics, we are sure that Shirley would rather dance than recite a poem. But no wonder! She is a good dancer too. There is a mystery about Shirley and the "Wind." We know Shirley will be a success in anything she undertakes. Good luck and more power to you, "Windy."

Operetta 3, 4.

REBECCA BAKER

"Becky"

WHEN you happen to see a cheery and delightful person emerging out of the business room with golden tresses, you'll know that is the girl that we call "Becky." The commercial course has the whole interest of this girl, and she hopes to make use of it no doubt as nurse secretary to some handsome doctor. Good luck, and here's hoping you get that job.

Operetta 1, 3; Music 1, 3; Orchestra 1; Class Secretary 1.

DAISY BASHORE

"Daisy May"

DAISY MAY, a friend to all, has been a member of the class since going to school. Blue-eyed, and brown-haired, Daisy has a keen sense of humor. Being enthusiastic, she is a willing, efficient class worker. Whether medical-secretary or housekeeper, we wish you the best of happiness and success.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Band 4.

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CARL BERGER

"Kennie"

ENERGETIC in every respect, Carl is a member of the honor group of the senior class. Although he has been with us for only four years, he has a host of friends. He has been a member of the band and orchestra since his freshman year. We all know that Carl will succeed in his career as a mechanical engineer. Your Alma Mater is proud of your scholastic record.

Operetta 1, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Music 1; Athletics 1, 2, 3; Class President 1, 2; Vice-President 4; State Band 4; District Band 2, 3, 4.



VIVIAN BRIGHT

"Fefe"

THIS charming young girl joined our class in her junior year. Womelsdorf High has indeed been rewarded in the short time she has spent with us. She has taken an active part in the Senior Class Activities, especially serving as the class treasurer. We know that the Nurses' School of Training that she plans to enter will be proud of her.

Dramatics 4; Music 3; Operetta 3, 4; Debate 4; Class Treasurer 4.



BETTY DISSINGER

"Dissy"

BETTY, better known as "Dissy" to her friends, enjoys arguing on whatever question pops up. Her familiar face is found among the candy boxes of the refreshment stands. Willingly she has devoted her services to the class. Betty has not yet completed her plans, but whether it be housewife, nurse, or secretary, Best of Luck!

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Music 1.

EDWARD ERIE

"Charley"

IN 1937 a hundred and sixty pound lad entered the Womelsdorf High School. He turned out to be "Ed" Erie, better known as "Charley" to his friends. Although he has been at Bethany for nearly nine years, he still is proud of his home residence, Allentown. He enjoys his studies if nobody mentions Geometry. We wish him the best of luck and hope he remembers us when he "Chucks 'em for Mich."

ISABEL FICHTHORN

"Isy"

AFTER dismissal you might hear a loud laughter coming from one of the class rooms. If you would inquire as to who it might be, it would be, "Isy." Her daily task of keeping the blackboards clean occupies most of her spare time, but she does not neglect her studies. Her best pal is a blond-haired lad. What will it be, "Isy"? Housewife or teacher?

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Music 3; Dramatics 4.

HAROLD GASSERT

"Hank"

THE Marx Brothers have nothing on Harold "Tom Harmon" Gassert—as he always has a joke at his disposal. On the football field he is unsurpassed; in the class room, there is no one quite so energetic or outspoken. Gassert is well liked by his classmates. Best of luck and smooth sailing, "Hank."

Athletics 1, 4.



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MARGARET GRIMES

"Mickey"

THIS energetic girl joined our happy group in the second grade. Her ability leans mostly towards athletics, especially basketball. "Mickey" has also won herself honor as an artist. Being a home town girl, she has been a valuable asset to the class scholastically and socially. Whatever you may undertake, we wish you the best of success.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Assistant Treasurer 4; Vice-President 1; Athletics 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4.



MARIE HEFFELFINGER

"Taps"

THIS attractive girl has cherished the love of her classmates for twelve successive years. Her talents as a dancer have remained unexcelled throughout her high school career. Always so cheerful and energetic, Marie has done her best in any task allotted to her. Her cooperativeness in all our undertakings has won her a host of admirers. To our class poetess, we wish the best of success and happiness in her vocation as a laboratory technician.

Operetta 1, 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4.



MARY HOFFA

"Peanut"

THIS dark-haired girl, known to all as "Peanut," is one of the youngest members of our class. She loves to jitterbug with Robesonians best. We all hope Mary will be a great success at hair-dressing. Later, well, no doubt, a Photographer's wife.

Operetta 3, 4; Music 1, 3; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3; Debate 4.

EFFIE HOWER

"Eppie"

EFFIE is a true friend to all and is liked by everyone. She certainly shows her talent in art, and also while playing basketball. We all know she is going to be a success when she enters nursing. Good luck, Effie!

Operetta 1; Athletics 2.

ELLIOTT LA ROSE

"Eddie"

AND this, folks, is our blond classmate of the N.Y.A. His body is always behind the broom, but his spirit is always at Bashore's restaurant. Nevertheless "Eddie" has a serious side as can be seen in his masterpieces of art, and underneath that toupee there is really a brain that functions. Best of luck to a very congenial and well-liked fellow.

Vice-President 3; Dramatics 4.

WILLIAM LEISEY

"Bill"

"BILL" has taken the opportunities that Womelsdorf High offered him and made them a success. In athletics he became one of the five Lions. Scholastics gave him a place on the honor group. He plans to have a career in Chemistry. The class knows you will be a success, "Bill," and wishes the best in all your efforts.

Dramatics 4; Athletics 4; Band 4; Orchestra 4; Operetta 4; District Band 4.



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JOHN LENGEL

"Johnnie"

AS PRESIDENT for two successive years, this ambitious young man has competently managed the affairs of our class. Though he is quite a garrulous person, he seldom reaches the point of boredom, for he is ever ready to tell some witty joke. Despite his love of humor, he does not willfully neglect his studies. Basketball, especially, has won him a position among the Womelsdorf Lions. Johnnie, may your leadership qualities help you to achieve success in your chosen field.

Athletics 3, 4; Class President 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Operetta 3.



VERNA LUTZ

"Lutzie"

THIS dark-haired girl comes from Tamaqua and joined our class in the ninth grade. "Lutzie" enjoys sewing and cooking and is the Drummer Girl in our band. Good luck in your hair-dressing career, Verna. Let us know when you open your "beauty parlor."

Operetta 1; Orchestra 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Music 4.



GEORGE MACNEAL

"Fatstuff"

THIS lad from Bethany is pianist for the High School. His one ambition is to have a successful career in music. He is one of the few that finds a good laugh in everything. As a friend and classmate George has been true and helpful. May your best friends be Success, Happiness, and Good Luck. Your Alma Mater will always be proud of you.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 2; Music 1, 2, 3, 4; District Band 2, 3, 4.

DORIS MITCHELL

"Mitch"

THIS well-liked girl is very quiet at times, but nevertheless joins in a good laugh with all of us. She became a member of our class in the fall of '37. Her sole interest is to become a nurse after leaving the walls of Womelsdorf High. Best of Luck; the whole class is for you.

Band; Orchestra; Operetta.

BETTY SUE NANTZ

"Betty Sue"

FROM behind that dark pallor that is typical of Southern women, a pair of blue eyes reflects personality, shrewdness, and brilliancy. To this talented Miss from the Blue Grass Region of Kentucky we hand a bouquet for her ability to hypnotize an audience with the strains from her violin. Betty Sue ranks high scholastically and in many other lines such as art and athletics. Her endless train of admirers, both male and female, have been annexed by her pleasing personality and carbonated laugh. To this 5'4" of TNT we extend best wishes for success in whatever she undertakes.

Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Operetta 1, 3, 4; Class Secretary 1; State Orchestra 4; District Orchestra 3, 4; Athletics 1, 2, 3, 4.

MARY NANTZ

"Evelyn"

WHEN Mary, 5'5" and eyes of brown, came up from the South, she immediately gathered herself a carload of friends and has kept them ever since. Although at times she appears to be a quiet girl, she has a pleasant and exciting personality. She can easily find a joke in almost anything and, as a result, sometimes can get the whole room of people laughing without saying a word. Her ability for playing the trumpet is far above the high school average, and thus we know you'll be a success in anything you undertake, Mary! Lots of luck.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Music 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics 1.



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RUTH M. PUTT

"Putt"

THIS sophisticated lass of brilliant intellect and charming personality is purely an optimist and is always an attraction for masculine eyes and glances. She plans to enter the nursing profession via Hahnemann Medical School route, and we certainly wish her the greatest amount of good luck and happiness in future life.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Class Vice-President 2; Class Historian 3, 4; Debate 3, 4; Music 1, 2, 3; Dramatics 4.



JACK SAURES

"Jack"

"SMILING JACK" describes this jovial lad from B.O.H. His enthusiasm and congeniality have made him very popular. Jack is very active in dramatics and dominant in scholastics. His sidekick is none other than Rev. Gebhard—who advises that Jack follow in his footsteps—teaching the gospel to a tribe of sinners. We know not what the future holds, but we do know Jack will make the most of it and come out on top.

Operetta 1, 3; Music 1, 2.



LAURA SCHOENER

"Lollie"

LAURA entered our class during her senior year and has indeed established an enviable record. The first impression of this brown-eyed girl leads one to think she is of a quiet nature, but working with her during the past year has introduced us to her real self. Wherever mischief is to be found, there is "Laura" to be sure. Even though her pranks were numerous, her lessons were not neglected. Whatever she plans to take up after she graduates is not yet certain, but we all know she is the type to succeed.

RICHARD SHERMAN

"Rich"

IN THE seventh rung of our ladder to success this young and handsome lad joined us. His cheerful disposition will always linger in the hearts and minds of all his classmates. May your road to success be bright.

Dramatics 4; Athletics 4.

ROHLAND STAGER

"Stumpy"

DID you ever see a short lad talking at the rate of a mile a minute? That's right, it is "Stumpy" Stager. An expert in German translations and in throwing everyone into an uproar when he makes a mistake while typing. His ability to keep up a conversation might win him honors as an orator. Who knows? Time alone will tell.

Athletics 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4.

MARK WENRICH

"Buck"

MARK never has much to say, except when it comes to football and baseball. These are his pets, and usually he picks the winner. But the laugh that he possesses is quite unusual and can be easily detected several feet away. Science and Mathematics have his full interest, and he is bound to make a success of his labors and studies.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletics 1, 2, 3.



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FRANK WHITING

"Goo-Goo"

FRANK joined the class as a freshman from Bethany Orphans' Home. A cooperative and continuous worker of the class, he has won the honor and respect of all his classmates. His many accomplishments have made him a decided asset to the class. Frank hopes to find his career in the field of Chemistry. With his vitality and intelligence we are sure he will attain this goal.

Operetta 3; Debate 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Music 1, 2, 3, 4; District Band 4.



KATHRYN WIEST

"Kas"

KATHRYN has been with us since her first year of school. She has been a willing worker all the way. She has participated in many class activities and has done her part to help her class along. We knew that she was a determined girl and that she will be a success in whatever she may indulge.

Operetta 1, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Debate 3, 4; Class Secretary 2, 3, 4; Music 1, 2, 3; Class Treasurer 1; Dramatics 4.

In Memory of Herbert Schoener

I watched a falling star last night,
And once more I thought about you—
You who departed from life,
Bubbling with life,
In everything you used to do.

We grieved for you,
What fools were we!
Will folly never cease?
In this world of wars and dictators' powers?
You are gone—but you at least have peace.

No more will I grieve to see a fallen star,
For I know where it goes—like you—
Life for it never ends,
And again like you—it leaves
Behind it a perpetual world of friends.

—MARIE HEFFELFINGER

W O M E L S D O R F H I G H S C H O O L

Senior Class Poem

CLASSMATES, let us pause a little in the onward rush of time,
Let us pause and get our bearings, ere we face the unknown clime.
It's our schooldays that we're leaving, it's a mighty step we take.
Ties bound tight by joy and sunshine we are summoned now to break.

BREAK, but not forget them, classmates, looking back through these four
years,
Fix them well in memory's stronghold, there are far more smiles than
tears,
Yes, our high school course is ended, but the radiance that was spread
'Round our lives on this old school-ground will through the coming years
be shed.

WE ARE sad to leave the old school, we are loath to part with friends;
There's a tightness around our hearts that no stranger comprehends.
But the time is come; we've played our part, and played it well.
Remains but to say to each and all, good-bye, God speed, farewell!

—MARIE HEFFELFINGER

CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY - ONE

Senior Class History

HAVING passed the last milestone, we take one last look back over the tread of years.

Through the course of the years we either gained or lost pupils by promotion.

Although we were not always successful in our efforts, "We never gave up the Ship."

Our Senior year led us to realize that through cooperation we obtained the best results.

The year was filled with very many activities, such as the Hallowe'en Dance, Chancing of Turkeys, Selling of Christmas Wreaths, Class Play, Operetta, Suppers, the Sample Fair, Bingo, Card Party, Thanksgiving Dance, Cake Sale, Selling of Easter Ham, and Nickelodeon Dances.

Our class officers did their utmost best to make the year a success.

We wish to thank graciously and heartily those who have aided in our success, the teachers, pupils, parents, and the townsfolk.

Although we may be gone from the corridors and from the class rooms, we nevertheless cannot forget them. We are taking the biggest step of our lives; "Out of High School into Life's School."

—RUTH M. PUTT, *Class Historian*

W O M E L S D O R F H I G H S C H O O L

Class Night Exercises

Friday, May 23, 8:15 P.M., D.S.T.

FORT WEICON

CLASS MOTTO: "*Honor lies at labor's gate.*"

MARCH—"Post Commander," *Yessel* High School Band

SCENE I—Place: Fort Weicon Time: 1951

Captain Rohland Stager

"Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" (Song) Carl Berger

Buck Privates Carl Berger, John Lengel, Jack Sauers

"They'll All Come Back to Us Now" (Song) Senior Class

Concert Violinist Betty Sue Nantz

Tap Dancer Marie Heffelfinger

Commercial Teacher Kathryn Wiest

"You're in the Army Now" (Song) Senior Class

Selection—"Desert Song," *Romberger* High School Band

Presentation of Class Gift John Lengel

Selection—"On Iowa" (Womelsdorf), *Law* High School Band

SCENE II—Place: Dining Room of the "Top Hat"

Speech of Introduction Carl Berger

Master of Ceremonies William Leisey

Class Song Senior Class

Toast to the Girls Frank Whiting

Toast to the Boys Shirley Anderson

"I'll Watch the Sun Rise with You" (Song) Betty Nantz and Class

Monologue Doris Mitchell

Key Orator John Lengel

Junior Class President Jeanette Weber

Trumpet Solo Mary Nantz

Class Poetess Marie Heffelfinger

Tribute to Soldiers: "Unknown Soldier" Ruth Putt

Class President John Lengel

Distribution of Gifts Senior Class

Class Will Kathryn Wiest

Song to the Juniors Senior Class

Song to the Seniors Junior Class

Song of Acceptance Senior Class

Farewell Song Senior Class

Alma Mater Everyone

MARCH—"Victory March," *J. Shea* High School Band

LYRICS AND DIALOGUES Marie Deppen

FACULTY ADVISOR Dean M. Aungst

ACCOMPANIST George MacNeal

CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY - ONE

Commencement Program

MAY 27, 1941—8:00 P.M., D.S.T.

"Phaon," *Johnson* High School Orchestra

"Womelsdorf High School," *Landis* High School Orchestra

Invocation The Rev. Harvey J. Miller

"HONOR LIES AT LABOR'S GATE"

Honor Oration, "Honor" Carl K. Berger

Violin Solos Betty Sue Nantz

1. "The Son of the Puszta," *Bela*

2. "Fiddlin' the Fiddle," *Rubinoff*

Honor Oration, "Labor" William Leisey

Duet, "At Dawning," *Cadman* Vivian Bright, Rebecca Baker

Honor Oration, "The Gateway" Ruth M. Putt

Trio, "Memories," *Van Alstyne*

Violin, Betty Sue Nantz

Clarinet, Carl Berger

Trumpet, Mary Nantz

Accompanist, George MacNeal

Presentation of Awards and Diplomas Paul H. Wagenhurst
Supervising Principal

"Tales from the Vienna Woods," *Strauss* High School Orchestra

Commencement Address Francis Harvey Green, Litt.D., LL.D.
Headmaster, The Pennington School

Alma Mater Everyone

Benediction The Rev. Elmer L. Leisey

"Sylvia," *Schubert* High School Orchestra

W O M E L S D O R F H I G H S C H O O L

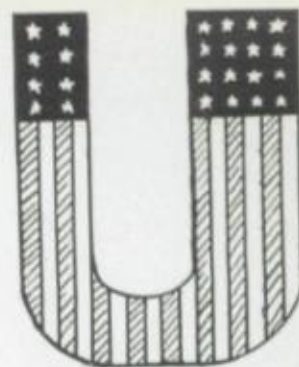
Class Will and Testament

WE, the class of 1941 of the Womelsdorf High School, of the County of Berks and the State of Pennsylvania, being physically fit, morally responsible, and mentally alert, do hereby declare, make, and publish this, our last will and testament in manner and form as follows:

- One*—We direct that all our obligations be met and fulfilled as soon as is possible.
- Two*—We give and bequeath to the Junior Class our sense of humor and our dignity.
- Three*—We give and bequeath to the Sophomore Class our ambition and inherent ability to achieve success in all we undertake.
- Four*—We give and bequeath to the Freshman Class our stick-to-it-ive-ness throughout the coming years.
- Five*—We give and bequeath to the school at large our desire to practice the "Golden Rule."
- Six*—We give and bequeath to the faculty our hope to endeavor with the aid of God.
- Seven*—We give and bequeath Shirley Anderson's faithfulness for her boy friend to Verda Dissinger.
- Eight*—We give and bequeath Rebecca Baker's masculine manner to Selah Troutman.
- Nine*—We give and bequeath Daisy Bashore's likeness for blondes to Janet Weber.
- Ten*—We give and bequeath Carl Berger's scholastic and athletic abilities to Neal Hamaker.
- Eleven*—We give and bequeath Vivian Bright's phrase, "I'm sorry," to Harold Batdorf.
- Twelve*—We give and bequeath Betty Dissinger's weakness for the opposite sex to Ellen Greenthal.
- Thirteen*—We give and bequeath Edward Erie's interests in baseball and other sports to Joseph Miller.
- Fourteen*—We give and bequeath Isabel Fichthorn's love affairs and use of cosmetics to Janet Gross.
- Fifteen*—We give and bequeath Harold Gassert's "sparkling" attitude toward girls to John Sohn.
- Sixteen*—We give and bequeath Margaret Grimes' cooperativeness and love for shop students to Helen Schoener.
- Seventeen*—We give and bequeath Marie Heffelfinger's dancing feet to Helen Althouse.
- Eighteen*—We give and bequeath Mary Hoffa's ability to jitterbug and likeness for "peanuts" to Mildred Stochrel.
- Nineteen*—We give and bequeath Effie Hower's bashfulness and love for sciences to Dorothy Eiceman.
- Twenty*—We give and bequeath Elliott LaRose's love for a certain soda fountain girl to Mark Eberly.
- Twenty-one*—We give and bequeath William Leisey's height and cheerful disposition to Melvin Hoover.
- Twenty-two*—We give and bequeath John Lengel's coquetting and leadership qualities to Paul Heck.
- Twenty-three*—We give and bequeath Verna Lutz's domestic and commercial abilities to Mary Raihl.
- Twenty-four*—We give and bequeath George MacNeal's musical ability and excess weight to Elwood Flickinger.
- Twenty-five*—We give and bequeath Doris Mitchell's attractiveness and shyness of manner to Arthur Rhoads.
- Twenty-six*—We give and bequeath Betty Sue Nantz's musical talents and hilarious laugh to Kathleen Illig.
- Twenty-seven*—We give and bequeath Mary Nantz's typing speed and love for music to Coolidge Long.
- Twenty-eight*—We give and bequeath Ruth Putt's alluring figure and dramatic ability to Helen Hoffman.
- Twenty-nine*—We give and bequeath Jack Sauer's permanent wave to Ralph Miller.
- Thirty*—We give and bequeath Laura Schoener's shorthand ability and jovial manner to Harold Gruber.
- Thirty-one*—We give and bequeath Richard Sherman's timidity and N. Y. A. position to Matthew Hoover.
- Thirty-two*—We give and bequeath Rohland Stager's talkativeness and wise remarks to May Rhine.
- Thirty-three*—We give and bequeath Mark Wenrich's love for sports and music to Gloria Swanger.
- Thirty-four*—We give and bequeath Frank Whiting's skill in debating and love for chemistry to Anna Auman.
- Thirty-five*—We give and bequeath Kathryn Wiest's cooperativeness and willingness to help others to Harry Keppley.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereto subscribed and affixed our name and seal, this, the twenty-third day of May in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-One.





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Eleventh Grade

Class Dean KATHRYN SHUPE WENHOLD

Officers

President JEANETTE WEBER

Vice-President KATHLEEN ILLIG

Secretary VERDA DISSINGER

Treasurer JANET GROSS

Helen Althouse
Harold Batdorf
Robert Bennethum
Elsie Mae Bickel
Albert Burkman
Anna Dillman
Verda Dissinger
Mark Eberly
Dorothy Eiceman
Ruth Eiceman
Janet Gross
Harold Gruber

Mildred Hafer
Robert Hafer
Neal Hamaker
Wilford Hampton
Arthur Hower
Kathleen Illig
Harry Keppley
Coolidge Long
Dorothy Mason
Ralph Miller
Mary Raihl
Arthur Rhoads

Robert Riehl
Helen Schoener
Russell Seigfried
Harold Smith
Mildred Stochrel
Franklin Strickler
Harry Sohn
John Sohn
Pearl Troutman
Selah Troutman
Jeanette Weber

CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY - ONE

Junior Class History

WE started our scholastic history in the first grade with an enrollment of 11 girls and 17 boys. Our grade school years passed quickly while participating in programs for the benefit of the high school and other numerous grade activities. After completing the first six grades, our class was enrolled in the 7th grade, which was our first year of Junior High School. During these three years we had Home Room Activities and were started on assembly programs. Next was our sophomore year, the year in which all classes begin to think seriously about filling their treasury, but this year was not very profitable except for a few dollars collected from dues. In our present junior year we hope to fill our treasury with the cooperation of 35 pupils now enrolled in the class. Our soup sale and sale of Christmas cards were very profitable, and we hope to complete our task by having a dance, merchandise club, carnival, card party, bingo party, and sale of stationery. So far this year we have participated in assembly programs and have cooperated in various activities with other classes for the benefit of our Alma Mater and will do so for the remaining year of our high school life.

—MILDRED STOEHLER, *Class Historian*

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Tenth Grade

Class Dean PAUL L. FISHER

Officers

President STUART ROTHERMEL

Vice-President MELVIN HOOVER

Secretary CORA GEDDES

Treasurer CLIFFORD SHERMAN

Karl Anderson
Kenneth Aulenbach
Robert Aulenbach
Robert Baker
Warren Dengler
Shirley Dissinger
Roy Flickinger
Cora Geddes
Leon Gerhart
Robert Grimes
Paul Heck
George Heim
Jane Herbine
Helen Hoffman

Matthew Hoover
Melvin Hoover
Richard Keppley
Earl Kreitz
Pauline Long
Betty Lorish
Marion Lorish
Edgar Lutz
Joseph Miller
Betty Mull
Ruth Mull
Lucille Parson
Mildred Putt
Robert Reifsnyder

Stuart Rothermel
Clifford Sherman
Annabel Strickler
Donald Swanger
Emily Thomas
Mary Troutman
John Tryon
Irene Wagner
Robert Walters
Earl Welder
Evelyn Witman
Wayne Wrightstone
William Yeiser

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Ninth Grade

Class Dean DEAN M. AUNGST

Officers

President ROBERT LENGEL

Vice-President RICHARD DISSINGER

Secretary JOHN JONES

Treasurer ELLEN GREENTHAL

Anna Auman
Donald Auman
Charles Barge
June Dengler
Virginia Deppen
Rebecca Dissinger
Richard Dissinger
Thelma Drey
Marian Fidler
Harold Focht
Gloria Fulmer
Martin Gable
Betty German
Ellen Greenthal

Richard Haag
Stanley Holzman
William Holzman
Mildred Hower
Floyd Humphrey
John Jones
Marian Keppley
Martin Kreitzer
Annabel LaRose
Robert Lengel
John Martin
Arlene Miller
Ralph Mountz
Shirley Oberly

Keith Phillips
Richard Rehrig
Joan Sallade
Mildred Seigfried
Richard Shalters
Kenneth Sites
Mary Sohn
Clinton Stager
Donald Stull
Robert Stull
Gloria Sweigart
Richard Weidman
Dorothy Weiss

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Eighth Grade

Class Dean J. R. GIBSON

Officers

President LUKE BATDORF

Vice-President LEWIS FICHTHORN

Secretary GLORIA SWANGER

Treasurer GEORGE SITES

Martin Anderson
Marian Auchenbach
Marian Aulenbach
Luke Batdorf
Darlene Dissinger
LouBelle Dissinger
Lydia Eberly
Lewis Fichthorn
Isabelle Hoffa
John LaRose
Sara Leiss

William Mattis
Robert Raihl
May Rhine
Robert Schwartz
John Seyler
George Sites
Richard Sohn
June Strunk
Gloria Swanger
Richard Weik

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Seventh Grade

Class Dean CLARA A. BORDNER

Officers

President RICHARD GARRETT

Vice-President LEAH DECK

Secretary ELAINE BENDEL

Treasurer DORIS KEPPLEY

Robert Anspach
Harry Artz
Merrit Auman
Elaine Bendel
Paul Bennethum
Elaine Berkiheiser
Leah Deck
Janet Donbach
Berle Eiceman
Kenneth Eiceman
Elwood Flickinger
Donald Flickinger
Richard Garrett

Louise Gerhart
Doris Keppley
DeLura Kolbay
William Lengel
Betty McCole
Jane Miller
Donald Oberly
Lois Schoener
Dorothy Smeck
Patricia Weik
Charles Weiss
Eleanor Wolfe

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Sixth Grade

Anna Mae Auman	Donald Boyer	Joseph Grimes	Malcolm Seager
Earl Auman	Leonard Chelius	Blanche Helms	Russell Sites
Richard Batdorf	Dolores DeHart	Gene Kreitz	Mary Smeck
Jane Behney	Dorothy Frymoyer	Loretta Long	Donald Wagner
Mary Jane Bickel	Florence Frymoyer	Marian Oberly	George Wolfe
	Earl Gerhart	Consuelo Schaeffer	

Fifth Grade

Mary Boyer	Dorothy Haag	Jay Miller	Anna May Snyder
Richard Conway	John Helms	Richard Moore	Ray Sohn
Dorothy Fichthorn	Angela Kolbay	Barbara Ruth	William Strickler
Addison Frantz	Ralph Lengel	John Seager	Richard Troutman
Sherwood Garrett	George Long, Jr.	Donald Snyder	William Weik
	Donald McCole		

Fourth Grade

James Auman	Robert Garrett	Gladys Ney	Anna Schwartz
John Behney	Alice Grimes	Ronald Oberly	William Schwartz
Lewis Bennethum	Fay Hafer	Gloria Oberly	Shirley Sites
Donald Dissinger	Dorothy Hoffa	Phillip Raihl	May Strunk
Grace Fichthorn	Donald Long	Nancy Schmehl	Norma Strunk
	Jeanette Miller		

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Third Grade

Joyce Behney	Richard Gerhart	Dawn Lengel	Dolores Moore
Carrie Bright	Peter Grimes	Richard Leininger	Robert Shartle
Robert Boyer	William Grimes	Marlin Lengel	Shirley Smith
Jean Filbert	Lois Hower	Carl Long	Richard Spayd
Henry Gosch	Arthur Kipp	Sterling Miller	Phyllis Strause
	Vivian Knier	Joanne Matthew	

Second Grade

Dolores Aulenbach	Lillian Derr	Fay Jones	June Miller
Julia Anderson	Patricia Engle	Suzanne Klopp	Nora Schwartz
Gene Auman	Jane Flickinger	Robert Kipp	Lou Shartle
Ronald Auman	Gloria Gosch	Charles Knier	Kathryn Snyder
Dawn Behney	Charles Hartman	Marilyn Long	Marian Stahl
Mary Ellen Behney	John Haley	George Lutz	Donald Swartz
David Bickel	John Haak	Douglas Lape	David Seyler

First Grade

Harvey Deck	Joan Miller	Joyce Potteiger	Elizabeth Ann Seyler
William Helms	Nancy Mountz	David Reifsnyder	Larry Spangler
James Kolbay	Beryll Mohler	Jacob Ryan	Gene Sites
Ronald Kipp	David Monroe	Nancy Schaeffer	Gerald Smith
Marian Leininger	Nancy Lee Oberly	Patricia Schaum	John Strickler
Gerald Lengel	David Porter	Pauline Schwartz	

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School Calendar

September	3	Opening of School Term
September	13	Reading Fair Day
September	27	Talk—"Where Are the Golden Days?"—Rev. Leisey
October	4	Sound Pictures—"Give Us Our Daily Bread"—Mayers Bakery
October	11	Columbus Day—Grade 11
October	25	Noted Lecturer of World Travels—Arthur Cone
October	29	Hallowe'en—Grade 8
November	11	Armistice—Grade 12
November	12	Grade Operetta
November	27	Thanksgiving Program—Grades 1-12
November	28	Thanksgiving Vacation
November	29	
December	6	Industrial Arts—Mr. Grove
December	13	Puppet Show
December	23	Civic Club Christmas Party
December	24	Christmas Program—Grades 1-12
December	25	
	to	Christmas Vacation
January	1	
January	10	Music (vocal) Miss Erb
January	21	Senior Class Play
January	24	Boy Scout Program—Robert Burcaw
January	30	Band Concert
February	4	Junior Sport Hop
February	5	Sound Movies—Victor Co.
February	12	Lincoln—Grade 7
February	17	F. & M. College Glee Club Concert
February	21	Debate—Boyertown
February	21	Washington—Grade 9
February	28	Sound Movies—"The Army on Wheels"
March	4	Card Party—Junior Class
March	6	Sound Movies—Baseball
March	13	Music (Instrumental)—Mr. Landis
March	18	Sound Movies
March	21	St. Patrick's Day—Grade 10
March	23	High School Operetta
April	1	Sound Movies
April	4	Talk—Judge P. N. Schaeffer
April	7	Magician—Erust
April	10	Easter Program—Grades 1-12
April	11	Good Friday Vacation
April	14	Easter Monday Vacation
April	18	Home Economics—Miss Wint
April	28	Talk—Dr. A. C. Harpes
May	1	Local Field Day
May	5	W.H.S. Broadcast WEEU
May	6	Band Solicitations
May	9	State Senator F. W. Ruth
May	15	Community Night
May	16	5th Annual Fashion Show
May	23	Class Night
May	25	Baccalaureate
May	27	Commencement







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Art Club

THE purpose of the Art Club is to provide: a worthy use of leisure time, an outlet for individual art expression as the person desires or feels it, and more individual instruction.

Sponsor J. R. GIBSON

Officers

<i>President</i>	COOLIDGE LONG
<i>Vice-President</i>	CORA GEDDES
<i>Secretary and Treasurer</i>	WILLIAM YEISER

Harry Artz	Coolidge Long
Merritt Auman	Donald Oberly
Leah Deck	Robert Raihl
Donald Flickinger	Robert Schwartz
Richard Garrett	Harry Sohn
Cora Geddes	Richard Sohn
Robert Hafer	Richard Weik
Richard Keppley	Dawson Wolfe
DeLura Kolbay	William Yeiser
John LaRose	

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Boys' Home Economics Club

THE purpose of the Boys' Home Economics Club is to give its members the privileges which are offered the girls in Vocational Home Economics. This is the first year this club has been offered in our local schools.

Sponsor RUTH E. WINT

Officers

<i>President</i>	RALPH MILLER
<i>Vice-President</i>	HAROLD SMITH
<i>Secretary</i>	MELVIN HOOVER
<i>Treasurer</i>	STUART ROTHERMEL

Kenneth Aulenbach
Karl Anderson
Robert Bennethum
Harold Batdorf
Harold Gruber
Neal Hamaker
Melvin Hoover
Arthur Hower
Harry Keppley

Earl Kreitz
Ralph Miller
Robert Riehl
Staurt Rothermel
Clifford Sherman
John Sohn
Harold Smith
Franklin Strickler
Donald Swanger

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Rod and Gun Club

THE Rod and Gun Club presents an opportunity for the good use of leisure time, to develop a love of nature, to develop high ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship, and to increase the educational values of activities.

Sponsor ARTHUR S. GROVE

Officers

President HAROLD BATDORF
Vice-President ELLIOTT LAROSE
Secretary and Treasurer HAROLD SMITH

Harold Batdorf
 Luke Batdorf
 Robert Bennethum
 Harold Gruber
 Arthur Hower
 Harry Keppley

Elliott LaRose
 John Seyler
 Richard Sherman
 Harold Smith
 John Sohn
 Earl Welder

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Handicraft Club

THE objectives of the Handicraft Club are: to practice democratic ideals; to realize that the success of the club depends on individual cooperation; to understand that the club, as in any group of people, has certain social obligations; to encourage hobbies; to become more proficient in that form of handicraft selected.

Sponsor CLARA A. BORDNER

Officers

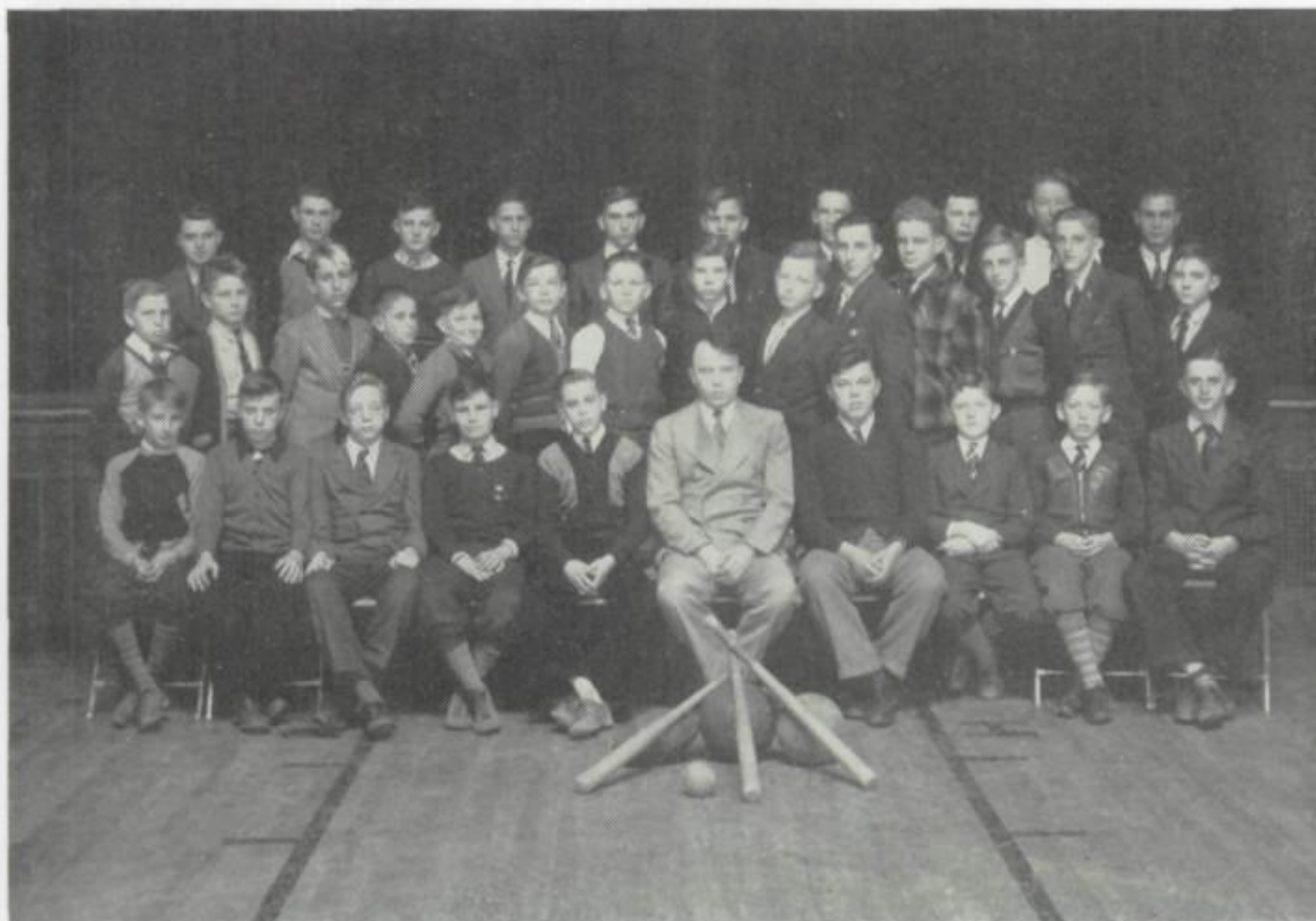
<i>President</i>	PAULINE LONG
<i>Vice-President</i>	LAURA SCHOENER
<i>Secretary</i>	JUNE STRUNK
<i>Treasurer</i>	SHIRLEY DISSINGER

(AMBITIOUS 17)

Marion Aulenbach
 Elaine Berkiheiser
 Darlene Dissinger
 LouBelle Dissinger
 Shirley Dissinger
 Lydia Eberly
 Isabel Hoffa
 Helen Hoffman

Pauline Long
 May Rhine
 Laura Schoener
 Lois Schoener
 Dorothy Smeck
 June Strunk
 Irene Wagner
 Patricia Weik

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Sports Club

It is the aim of the Sports Club to promote among its members a better spirit of cooperation, a greater understanding of varied activities, a love for activities other than those taught in physical education classes, and an appreciation of sports from a spectator's viewpoint. We endeavor to give all members an opportunity to participate in every activity at some time during the year.

Sponsor PAUL L. FISHER

Officers

President MARTIN GABLE

Secretary and Treasurer RICHARD DISSINGER

Martin Anderson	Donald Flickinger	Floyd Humphrey	Richard Shalters
Robert Aulenbach	Elwood Flickinger	Martin Kreitzer	George Sites
Robert Baker	Roy Flickinger	Robert Lengel	Kenneth Sites
Paul Bennethum	Martin Gable	William Lengel	Clinton Stager
Albert Burkman	Richard Haag	Edgar Lutz	Donald Stull
Richard Dissinger	Wilford Hampton	John Martin	Robert Stull
Berle Eiceman	Paul Heck	William Mattis	Charles Weiss
Kenneth Eiceman	William Holzman	Keith Philips	Wayne Wrightstone
Lewis Fichthorn	Stanley Holzman	Russel Seigfried	

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Game Club

THE Game Club is a purely recreational club. We play both indoor and outdoor games. During softball season the club has two softball teams in which we have competitive games. We have learned to play many new games which are quite appropriate for parties. Our motto is: "FUN-FOR-ALL."

Sponsor KATHRYN SHUPE WENHOLD

Officers

President HELEN SCHOENER
Vice-President RUTH EICEMAN
Secretary and Treasurer DOROTHY EICEMAN

Helen Althouse	Thelma Drey	Doris Keppley	Helen Schoener
Marian Auchenbach	Janet Donback	Sara Leiss	Gloria Swanger
Elaine Bendel	Dorothy Eiceman	Betty Lorish	Pearl Troutman
Elsie Mae Bickel	Ruth Eiceman	Dorothy Mason	Selah Troutman
June Dengler	Gloria Fulmer	Arlene Miller	Mary Troutman
Anna Dillman	Louise Gerhart	Jane Miller	Eleanor Wolf
Verda Dissinger	Janet Gross	Bettie Mull	

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Debate Club

Question for Debate:

Resolved, That the power of the Federal Government should be increased.

NEGATIVE TEAM

1st Speaker	Frank Whiting
2nd Speaker	Vivian Bright
3rd Speaker	Ruth Putt
4th Speaker	Mary Raihl
(Alternate)	

AFFIRMATIVE TEAM

1st Speaker	Jeanette Weber
2nd Speaker	Mary Hoffa
3rd Speaker	Kathryn Wiest
4th Speaker	Jane Herbine
(Alternate)	

<i>Coach</i>	DEAN M. AUNGST
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Womelsdorf Affirmative team debated with the Negative team of Boyertown at Womelsdorf. Womelsdorf Negative team debated with the Affirmative team of Mohnton at Mohnton.

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Faculty

Paul H. Wagenhurst
William A. Burkhart
Kathryn Shupe Wenhold
Paul L. Fisher
Dean M. Aungst
Clara A. Bordner
Laura May Snyder
Arthur S. Grove
Josephine E. Swanger
Ruth E. Wint

J. R. Gibson
Annie E. Kintzer
Annie L. Eberly
Virginia Walters Hagemeyer
Helen M. Hain
Frances S. Erb
Laura M. Wagner
Homer L. Landis
Ethel M. Hamaker
Mary Matthew Stoudt

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Photography Club

HERE an opportunity is presented for the developing of an intelligent, discriminating taste for and a love of beauty and composition, a chance to become familiar with the history of photography, the study of cameras, and the care and preparation of films and pictures.

Sponsor ARTHUR S. GROVE

Officers

President HAROLD FOCHT

Vice-President ROBERT REIFSNYDER

Secretary and Treasurer MATTHEW HOOVER

Rebecca Dissinger
Harold Focht
Betty German
Ellen Greenthal
Matthew Hoover
Mildred Hower
Marian Keppley
Annabel LaRose
Betty McCole

Joseph Miller
Ralph Mountz
Shirley Oberly
Robert Reifsnyder
Mildred Seigfried
Mary Sohn
Joan Sallade
Dorothy Weiss

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Class Play

"HIGH PRESSURE HOMER"

CAST

Stage Manager	JOHN LENGEL
Stage Setting	A. S. GROVE
Director	DEAN M. AUNGST
Stage Design	J. R. GIBSON
Property Manager	DAISY BASHORE
Advertising and Tickets	MARY HOFFA, MARY NANTZ
Assisting Cast	CARL BERGER, REBECCA BAKER, VERA LUTZ
Mrs. Chester Woodruff, who loves to go to funerals	Ruth Putt
Chester Woodruff, her husband, who loves to go to fires	John Lengel
Junior Woodruff, their son, who loves explosions	Rohland Stager
Boots Woodruff, their daughter, who loves to act	Betty Sue Nantz
Arlene Woodruff, their adopted daughter, who loves them all	Vivian Bright
Zenith, the Woodruff maid, who loves to escape work	Kathryn Wiest
Aunt Cora, who loves to complain	Margaret Grimes
Mrs. Margaret Taylor, who loves to visit	Isabel Fichthorn
Bunny Taylor, her daughter, who loves to have her own way	Marie Heffelfinger
Homer Hampton Haywood, who loves to promote	William Leisey
Wade Wainright, who loves Arlene	Richard Sherman
Chetwynde Cluett, who loves making folks happy	Elliott LaRose

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High School Operetta

IN GRAND OLD SWITZERLAND

CHARACTERS

Herr Bolliger, A famous clock maker	Stuart Rothermel
Trudi, His daughter	Betty Sue Nantz
Herr Nops, A famous guide and mountain climber	Harold Smith
*Juli, His son	Robert Reifsnyder
Mrs. Miller, An American tourist	Ruth Putt
Donna, Her daughter	Kathryn Wiest
John, Her son	William Leisey
Hedwig, A friend of Juli and Trudi	Neal Hamaker
Fritz, A friend of Juli and Trudi	Melvin Hoover

Chorus of Swiss Boys and Girls

Girls:

Annabel Strickler
Helen Hoffman
Margaret Grimes
Betty Dissinger
Mary Hoffa
Isabel Fichthorn
Shirley Anderson
Mary Nantz
Daisy Bashore

Boys:

Vivian Bright
Mary Raihl
Jeanette Weber
Irene Wagner
Mildred Putt
Mildred Stochrel
Pauline Long
Lucille Parsons
Jane Herbine

Boys:

Coolidge Long
Ralph Miller
Robert Riehl
Mark Eberly
Harry Keppley

Harry Sohn
Franklin Strickler
Robert Hafer
Earl Kreitz
Richard Dissinger
Robert Lengel
Ralph Mountz
John Tryon
Richard Sherman
Richard Keppley

<i>Directors</i>	Frances Erb, Dean Aungst, Wm. Burkhart
<i>Accompanist</i>	George MacNeal

* Due to illness, William Yeiser, originally scheduled for this part, was unable to perform.

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Girls' Chorus

A GIRLS' chorus, or glee club, was organized at the beginning of this year's school term with a membership of fourteen which soon increased to twenty-four. The girls meet once a week during the activity period. They made their first appearance as a group on a musical program given in the high school assembly on January 7th.

Sponsor FRANCES S. ERB

Janet Donbach
Mildred Fritz
Cora Geddes
Mildred Hafer
Helen Hoffman
Kathleen Illig
DeLura Kolbay
Marion Lorish
Pauline Long
Betty McCole
Jane Miller
Ruth Mull

Lucille Parson
Mildred Putt
Mary Raihl
Helen Schoener
Dorothy Smeck
Mildred Stoeckel
Annabel Strickler
Emily Thomas
Irene Wagner
Patricia Weik
Evelyn Witman

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Dramatics Club

THE Dramatics Club is an organization of the students which devotes its energies to obtaining a usable knowledge in a few of the various fields in the art of the drama. For all those interested it offers a chance to become acquainted with the workings of both stage and acting "script." This year's group was given instructions in acting, make-up, play writing, and play reading.

Sponsor DEAN M. AUNGST

Officers

President JEANETTE WEBER
Secretary and Treasurer JANE HERBINE

Warren Dengler
 Jane Herbine
 John Jones
 Verna Lutz
 Ruth Mull

Arthur Rhoads
 Jack Sauers
 Emily Thomas
 Jeanette Weber
 Richard Weidman

CLASS OF NINETEEN FORTY - ONE



The Orchestra

Sponsor HOMER L. LANDIS

<i>Violin</i>	<i>Clarinet</i>	<i>Baritone</i>	<i>Drums</i>
Betty Sue Nantz*	Carl Berger	Frank Whiting	Verna Lutz
Cora Geddes	Robert Stull	<i>Trombone</i>	Keith Phillips
Anna Dillman	<i>Flute</i>	Wilford Hampton	Neal Hamaker
Emily Thomas	John Seyler	<i>Bass</i>	Leonard Chelius
Joseph Miller	<i>Trumpet</i>	William Leisey	<i>Cymbals</i>
Marion Lorish	Mary Nantz	<i>Piano</i>	Doris Mitchell
Gloria Fulmer	Albert Burkman	George MacNeal	<i>Horn</i>
DeLura Kolbay	Robert Walters	Mary Hoffa	George Heim
<i>Oboe</i>	Charles Barge	Warren Dengler	
Mark Wenrich			

* Betty Sue Nantz represented our school this year in the all-state orchestra which convened at Erie, Pa.

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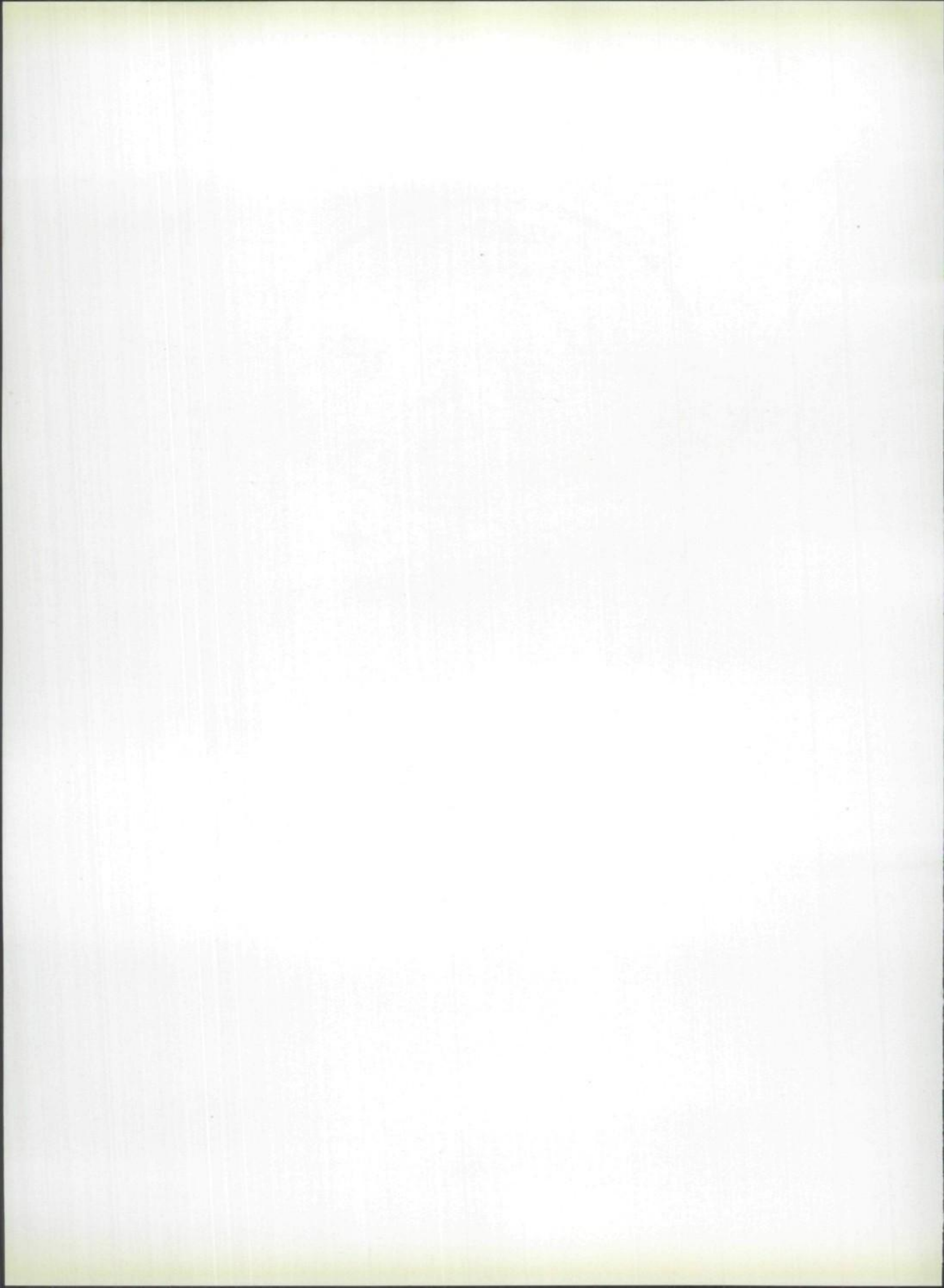
The Band

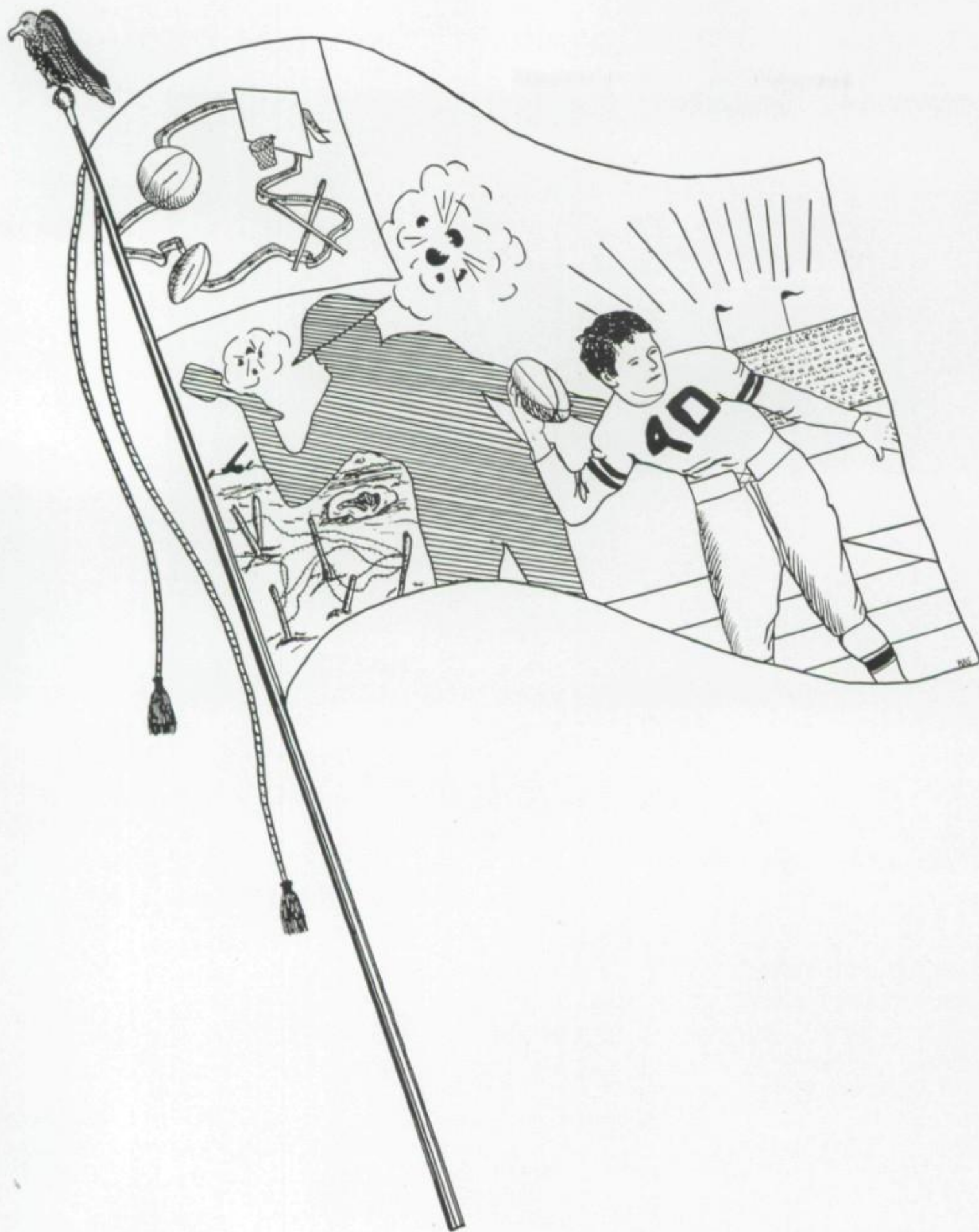
<i>Solo Cornet</i> Mary E. Nantz Albert Burkman (In Charge of Cornets) Robert Walters	<i>Solo Clarinet</i> *Carl Berger (In Charge) *George MacNeal Mark Wenrich	<i>Baritone</i> *Frank Whiting	<i>Bass Drum</i> Verna Lutz (In Charge)
<i>First Cornet</i> Joseph Miller Richard Keppley Rebecca Dissinger	<i>Eb Clarinet</i> Harold Focht	<i>Trombone</i> Wilford Hampton (1st) Robert Baker (2nd) Gloria Fulmer (3rd)	<i>Cymbals</i> Doris Mitchell
<i>Second Cornet</i> Charles Barge Matthew Hoover	<i>Second Clarinet</i> Robert Stull Floyd Humphrey	<i>First Horn</i> George Heim (In Charge)	<i>Snare Drum</i> Kieth Phillips Neal Hamaker Donald Auman
<i>Third Cornet</i> Roy Flickinger	<i>Third Clarinet</i> Donald Stull	<i>BBb Bass</i> *William Leisey Mark Eberly	<i>Snare Drum and Xylophone</i> Leonard Chelius
	<i>Flute</i> John Seyler	<i>Eb Bass</i> John Jones	

* The following members of the band represented the school this year in the Eastern District Music Festival which was held in the Mt. Penn High School Auditorium, March 22:

George MacNeal	Third Clarinet
Carl Berger	Solo Clarinet
William Leisey	Bass
Frank Whiting	Baritone







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Varsity Basketball

Coach J. R. GIBSON
Managers RICHARD KEPPLEY, MERRIT AUMAN

Players

Franklin Strickler
Robert Bennethum
Robert Riehl
Stuart Rothermel
William Leisey

John Lengel
Harold Gruber
Mark Eberly
Harry Keppley

Schedule

	W.H.S.	OPP.		W.H.S.	OPP.
Alumni	14	28	Sinking Springs	22	29
Wilson	20	55	Wyomissing	16	55
Perry	24	33	Bethel	45	29
Birdsboro	14	40	Wernersville	12	64
Wyomissing	11	44	Lebanon Catholic	24	48
Bethel	32	20	Robesonia	12	22
Wernersville	14	101	West Reading	18	54
Ontelaunee	24	20	Lebanon Catholic	32	41
Robesonia	12	23	Sinking Springs	20	19
West Reading	24	27	Birdsboro	26	52
Wilson	14	32			

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Junior Varsity

Coach J. R. GIBSON

Managers RICHARD KEPPLEY, MERRIT AUMAN

Players

Melvin Hoover
Clifford Sherman
Richard Dissinger
Robert Lengel

Robert Aulenbach
Matthew Hoover
Harry Sohn
Harold Smith

Schedule

	W.H.S.	OPP.		W.H.S.	OPP.
Wilson	10	55	Sinking Springs	17	41
Perry	11	22	Wyomissing	4	38
Birdsboro	14	20	Bethel	20	14
Wyomissing	30	37	Wernersville	19	44
Bethel	37	23	Lebanon Catholic	13	26
Wernersville	11	53	Robeson	20	15
Ontelaunee	22	24	West Reading	17	68
Robeson	9	33	Lebanon Catholic	7	32
West Reading	21	49	Sinking Springs	20	31
Wilson	16	21	Birdsboro	28	40

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Cheer Leaders

Mildred Stoeckel
Mildred Hafer

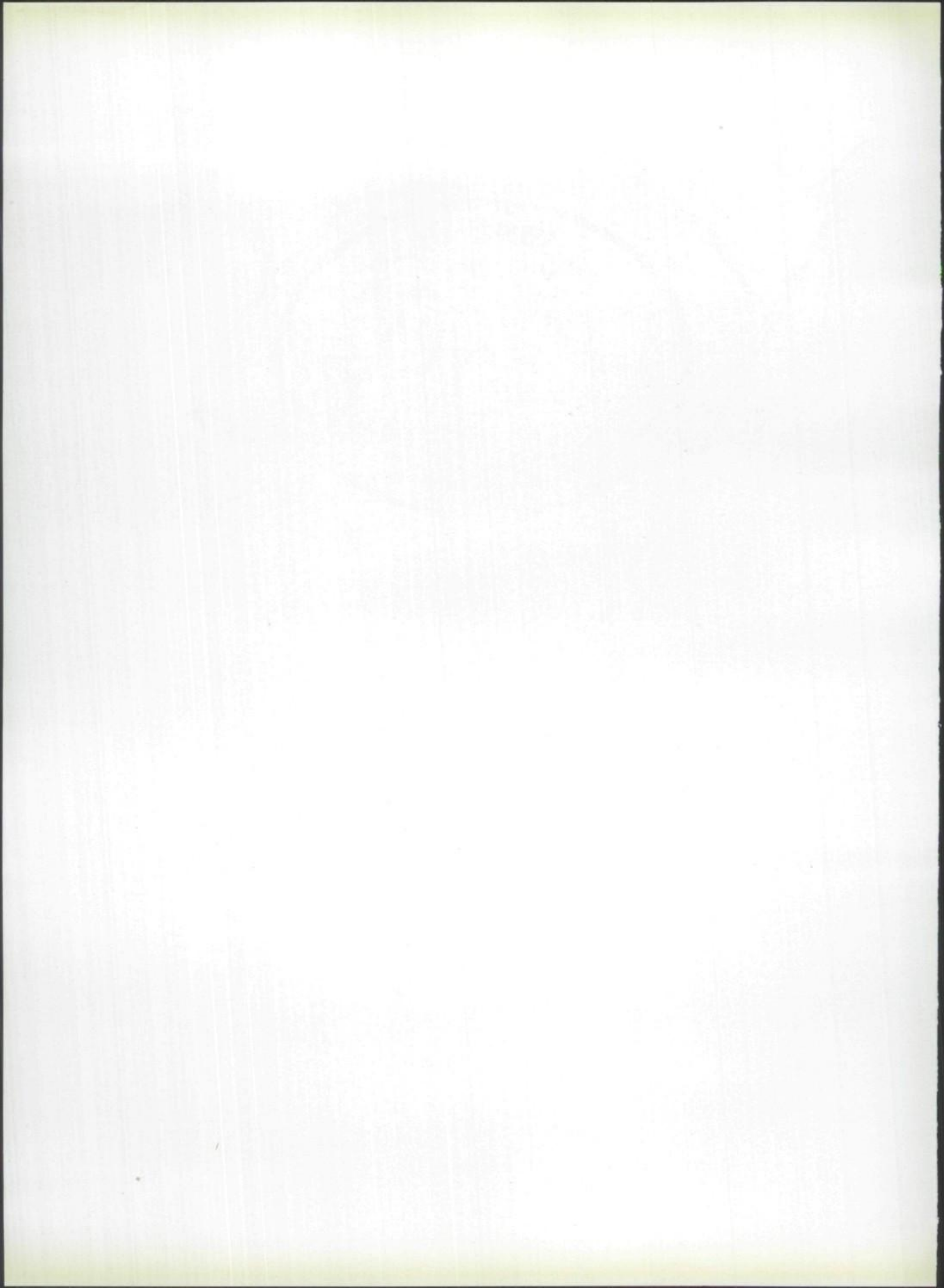
Mary Hoffa
Mildred Putt

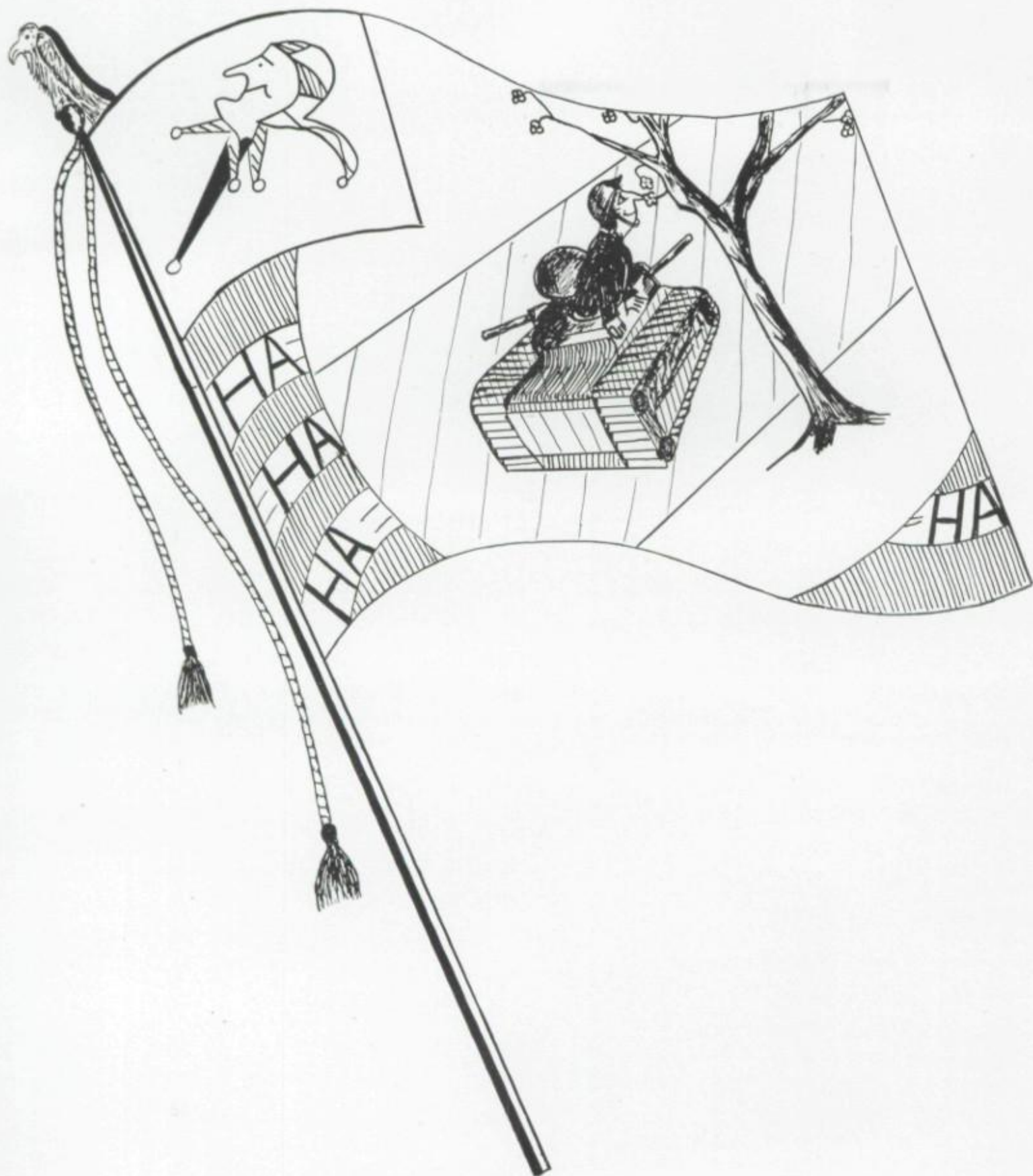
Jane Herbine
Lucille Parsons

Rossy's Yell

Make that goal, roll that score
Womelsdorf High School, we want more!
Get that ball, show your steam,
Womelsdorf High School,
Team! Team! Team!







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Wit and Humor

Ignorance

Mr. Fisher—"What is the half of eight, Margaret?"

Margaret Grimes—"Which way, Teacher?"

Mr. Fisher—"What do you mean?"

Margaret Grimes—"On top, or sideways?"

★ ★

Vivian Bright—"Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?"

Bill Leisey—"Don't believe they ever did."

Vivian Bright—"Then where'd you get the idea?"

★ ★

Miss Shupe—"What is the difference between a check and a draft?"

John Lengel—"Just open your mouth, that's a draft."

Miss Shupe—"All right, John, just put a check on that draft."

★ ★

Frank Whiting—"Wass haust du gedu mit sel alt counterfeit zehe dollar note als ich funde hab und hab dir gevve, Harold? Es war spauzig wie du gelangt haust for sel falsz geld. Ha-ha. Ich hab lange misse. Du haust gebisse uff sel wie un fish uns hoke schlugt."

Harold Gassert—"Ja, is war spauzig wehe sel geld. Del dauge hab ich gemeant

es is gut und del dauge hab ich gemeant es war schlecht, und a daug wie ich gemeant hab als es gut was gab ich's geused.

★ ★

"Of course I couldn't tell much about him. Both times I saw him he was sober," said Miss Mary Hoffa to Miss Mary Nantz.

★ ★

"Nothing special, thanks—just smelling," said Miss Kathryn Wiest at the perfume counter as she opened another expensive bottle.

★ ★

Miss Wint—"Betty Sue, what is Joseph Lister noted for?"

Betty Sue—(In all seriousness) "He invented a cure for blisters."

★ ★

"You see, it brings out the natural color of the hair and makes it red," said the beautician (Verna Lutz) to her customer (Mr. Gibson).

★ ★

Isabel Fichtborn—"Doctor, I'm kept awake night after night by a terrible pain in the neck. What do you suggest?"

Doc. Robland Stager—"Send him home early and then call me."

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First Burglar (Harold Gassert)—
"Come on, let's figure out how much we made on this haul."

Second Burglar (Edward Erie)—
"Shucks, I'm tired. Let's wait and look in the morning paper."

★ ★

Betty Dissinger—"Waiter, I'll have pork chops with fried potatoes, and I'll have the chops lean."

Waiter—"Yes, Madam, which way, madam?"

★ ★

"Yes," said Bill Leisey, "I have had some very trying experiences on the ball field. I was once struck senseless by a ball."

"And when," asked Mr. Gibson, "do you expect to recover?"

★ ★

Sunday School Teacher—"Elliott, what parable do you like the best?"

Elliott LaRose—"The one about the multitude that loafs and fishes."

★ ★

Richard Sherman—"I put a tack on Mr. Burkhardt's seat yesterday."

Jack Sauers—"Did you? I bet he won't sit down in a hurry."

Richard Sherman—"No, neither will I."

★ ★

"Now, before we go any further, shall we agree there's no use kidding our-

selves?" said the salesgirl confidentially to Ruth Putt at the corset counter.

★ ★

Son—"Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

Mr. Grove—"Yes, son, but it must be a short one."

"If a doctor is doctoring a doctor, does the doctor doing the doctoring have to doctor the doctor the way the doctor being doctored wants to be doctored, or does the doctor doctoring the doctor, doctor the doctor the way he usually doctors?"

★ ★

"You can't get eggs with out hens," said Mr. Wagenhurst to John Lengel.

"My grandfather can," argued John. "Please explain yourself, young man," answered Mr. Wagenhurst.

"He keeps ducks," replied John.

★ ★

Weiser had secured a large amount of land, some of which tradition says he got in the following manner—

Chief Shekallamy went to Weiser, saying, "I had a dream. I dreamed that Tarachawagon (Weiser) had promised me a rifle." Conrad, we are told, handed over the gun. Some days later Weiser had his dream. He went to the old chief, saying, "I dreamed that Shekallamy presented me with a large and beautiful island nestled in the Susquehanna River." The chief deeded over the land, and then said, "Conrad, let us never dream again."

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Senior Activities

The following have been the activities of the Class of Forty-one:

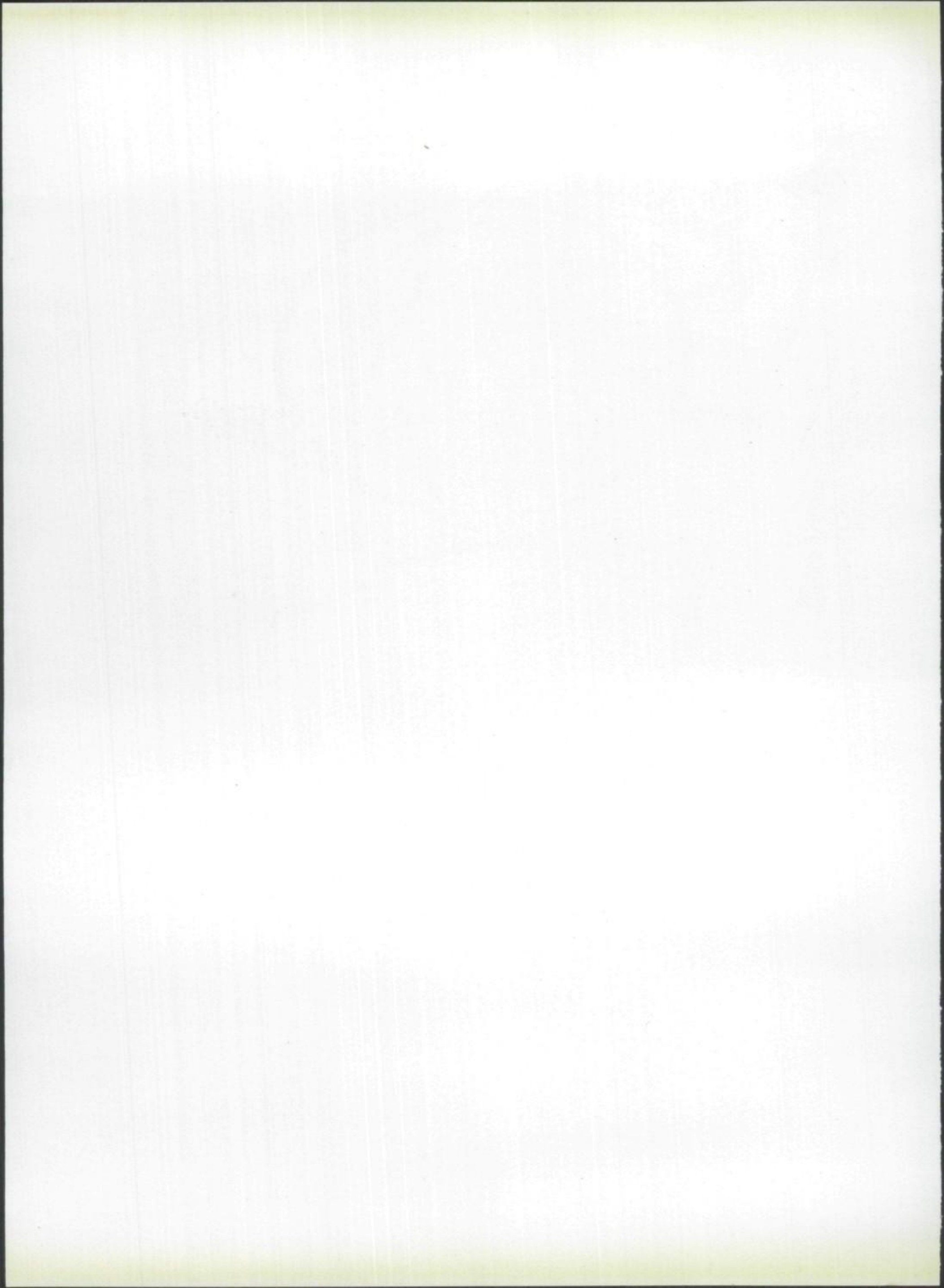
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September	30	Doggie Roast
October	18	Senior Bingo Party
October	26	Halloween Dance
November	11	Senior Assembly Program
November	14	Card Party
November	23	Thanksgiving Dance
November	26	Turkey Chances
December	7	Cake Sale
December	13	Senior Writeups
December	20	Deliver Wreaths
December	21	Christmas Dance
December	23	Turkey Chances

1941

January	17	Bingo Party
January	21	Senior Class Play
February	15	Valentine Dance
February	22	Supper and Cake Sale
March	5	Bashore from U. E.
March	11	Nickelodeon Dance
March	15	Skating Party
March	29	Sample Fair
April	5	Cake Sale
April	8	Easter Ham
May	3	Dance
May	12	New York Trip
May	14	Annapolis Trip
May	23	Class Night
May	27	Commencement







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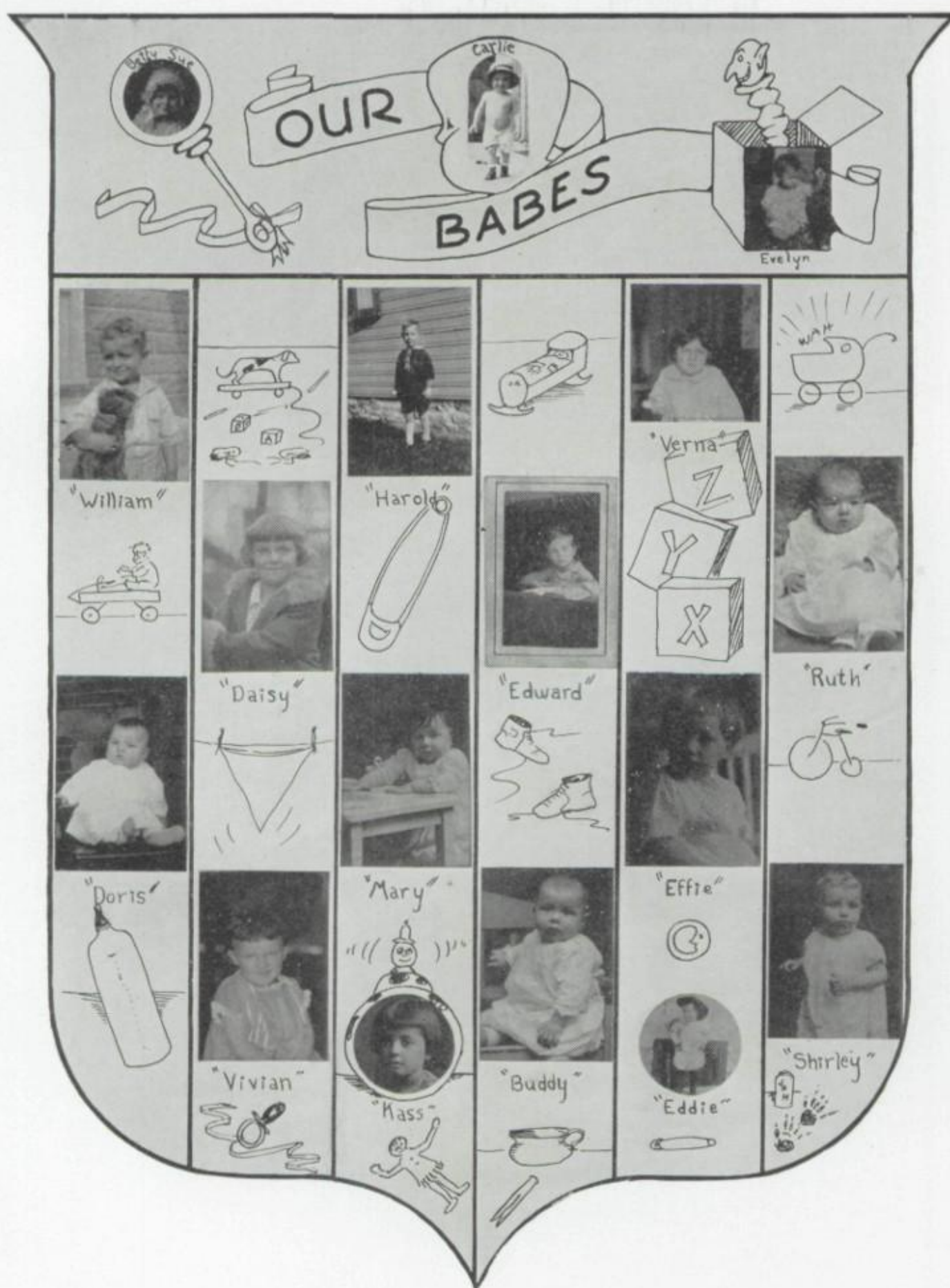
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"Rhythm Makers"



"HIGH PRESSURE HOMER"



"Eleanor Powell"



"Basketeters"



"Aunt Cora & Father Woodruff"



"Future Nurses"



"The Big Five"



"N.Y.A. Jerks"



"Bethany Burns"

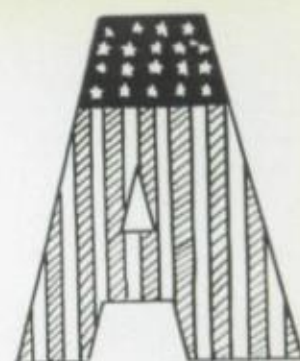
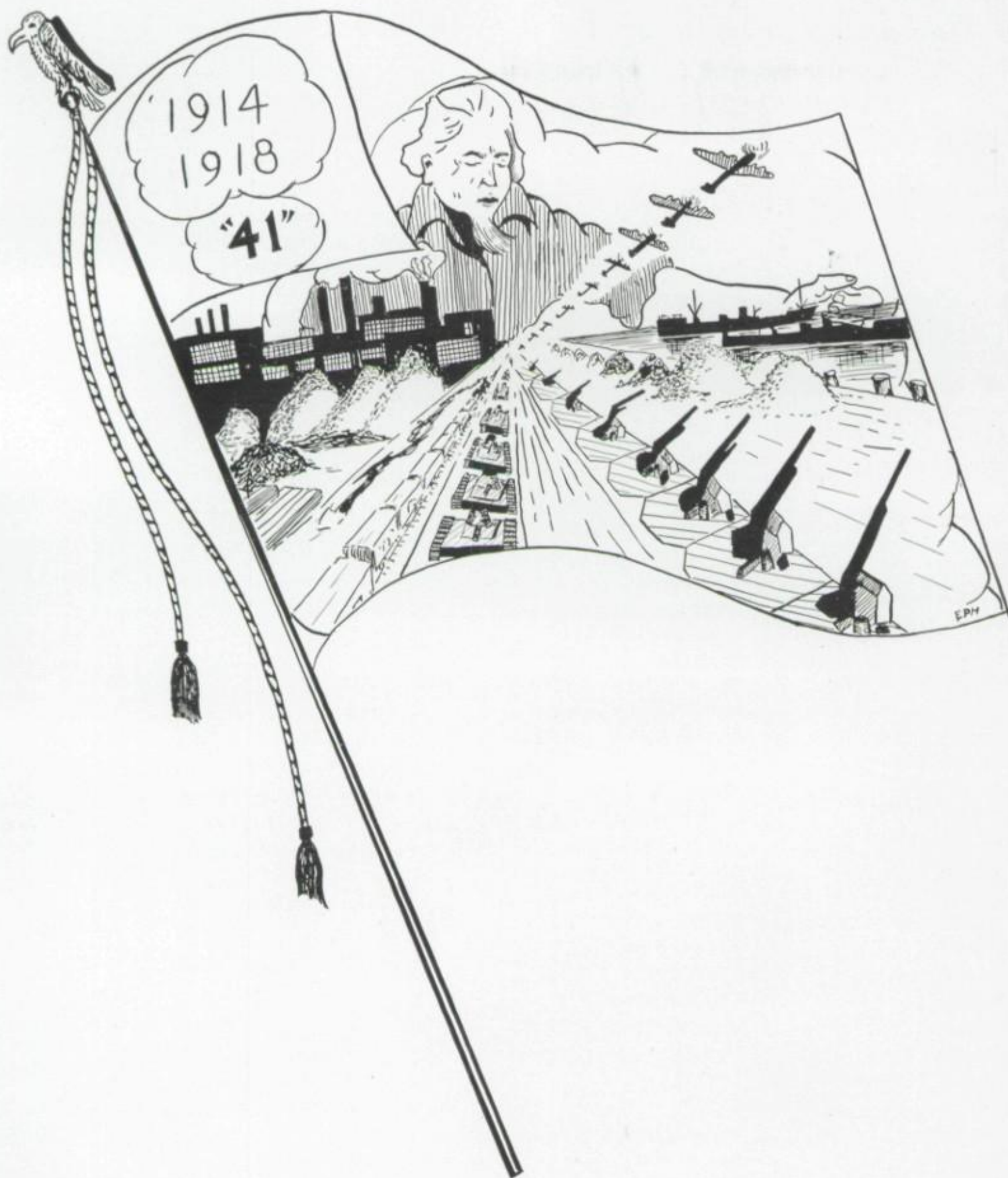


"Windy & Bill"



"Betts & Peanuts"





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Womelsdorf High School Alumni

Class of 1895

Laura Althouse
Mame Strauss Batdorf*
Dora Bechtold
Harry Noll*

Class of 1898

Irwin Anspach
Paul Engle
Robert Petree

Class of 1900

John Keener
Edna Bausch Leinbach

Class of 1901

Annie Eberly
Hattie Manderbach Ellis*
Irene Illig
John Marshall*

Class of 1902

Beulah Dundore Hackman
Harry Illig
Raymond Klopp
Floy Snyder

Class of 1903

Annie Gruber Hassler
John E. Livingood
Paul A. Matthews*

Class of 1904

Ella Sallade Christ
Frank Clouse*
Miles Kalbach
James Moore

Class of 1905

Joseph Filbert
Lloyd Fisher*
Mollie Gruber
Mamie Moyer Hackman
Kathryn Hassler
Ralph Matthew
Grace Matthews
Paul Strauss*
Harry Stuber

Class of 1906

John Anspach
Robert B. Filbert, Sr.
Ethel Corwin Fisher
R. Wright Hackman
Lee M. Sallade
Meta Shulley Schaefer
Thomas Schonour

Class of 1907

Samuel Clouse
Bessie Klopp Griesemer

B. Harrison Hassler
Annie Bright Illig*
Emma Bausch Weaver
John Wolfkill

Class of 1908

Sophie Haak Bent
Gertrude Von Nieda Kahler
Annie Kintzer
Paul Landis
Emma Noll Lindeman
Mary E. Moore
Margaret Filbert Potter
Helen Wilhelm Rickers
Marx Schonour*
Laura Dundore Seip*
Charles Steinmetz

Class of 1909

Eva Bright
Florence Christman
Margaret Corwin
Howard Degler
Edgar Glassmire
Sarah Illig Horne
Carrie Moyer
Harold Sallade*
Harry Wagner

Class of 1910

Martin Brossman
Marion Dunkleberger
Edith Kurtz Hartman*
Edna Hoffa
J. Harold Klopp
Earl Mattes
Donald Moyer
Mae Mattes Streaker
Elizabeth Moyer Swab

Class of 1911

Valeria Petticoffer Eberly
Elsie Krietzer Illig*
Marie Hafer Kunkel
Christine Bechtel Lindemuth
Irene Fidler Ludwig
Charlotte Hackman Stamm
Ralph Trexler

Class of 1912

Elsie Goldman
Mabel Knoll
Aaron Machamer
George Moyer
Mamie Corwin Wacha
Paul Wagner

Class of 1913

Sarah Moyer Broughall

Elmer Derr
Franklin Hoffman
Clarence Kersnitz
Irwin Lape
Pauline Illig Schmehl
George Gilbert Snyder
Ralph Strickler
Earl Wallace

Class of 1914

Harry D. Althouse
Ada Moyer Archbold
Beulah Horne Knouse
Pauline Fidler Minnich
Helen Yoder Mock
May Stout Seidel

Class of 1915

Orpha Schaeffer Althouse
Paul Brossman*
Marie Basley Derr*
Lee Engle
Frederic Glassmire
Paul Hoffberger
Lottie Batdorf Kalbach
Paul Katzaman
Lester Mattes
Laura Moyer

Class of 1916

LeRoy Christman
Arthur Graeff
Henry Hackman
Jonathan Klopp*
Raymond Miller
Ellis Oberlin
Margaret German Sheetz

Class of 1917

Sarah Knoll

Class of 1918

Pauline Hackman
Stanley Klopp
Ella Moyer
Ruth Livingood Ohl
Margaret Kintzer Snyder
Stuart Williamson

Class of 1919

Earl Bennethum
Harry Fidler*
Joseph Grimes
Edna Schaum Haak
Ella Moore Klopp
Catherine Wilhelm Minnich
Margaret Beckey Pannebecker
Mary Weiss

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Class of 1920

Elsie Wartluft Bennethum
Helen Schenck Krick
Helen Schaeffer McHenry
LaRue Eberly Rupp
Dorothy Schoener

Class of 1921

Mary E. Leininger Conway
Thomas Fidler
Bessie E. Fromm High
Mary Althouse Hoffman
Hilda Hall Jameson
Beulah Himmelreich Kline
John Klopp
Ralph Knoll
Mary E. Althouse Payne
Harry Raihl
Helen Keeney Sebastian
Emma Wilhelm

Class of 1922

Edna Reinhold Haak
Katie Kalbach Hartman
George Yiengst

Class of 1923

Henry Hamaker
Max Schaeffer
Mary E. Matthew Stoudt
Lee Webber

Class of 1924

Wilson Barto
Lester Brendle
Marion Fisher
Charles Henne
Elsie Kintzer
Adam Manbeck
Eva Schell Mengel
Wayne Moll
Clarence Moyer
Carl Schoener*
Laura Wagner
A. Beatrice Weidler

Class of 1925

Margaret Althouse
Mary Schoener Asper
Amy Lengle Fields
Miriam Schenck Hoover
John Kalbach
Eleanor Hamaker Krick
Dorothy Moore
Harry Reinhold
Helen Rothermel
Ruth Anspach Smith
Mildred Mabry Swan
Anna Taylor

Class of 1926

Dorothy Matthew Behney
Marjorie Broman
Allene Feeg*
Howard Grimes
Estella Heckaman
Helen Kalbach
Mary Kintzer Mattes
Carl Moyer
Mary Miller Oxenreider
LeRoy Schoener
Burt Webber

Class of 1927

Anna Rothermel Brightbill
Kenneth Chapman
Ellen Christman
Mamie Cox
Miriam Berst Fisher
Harry Kreitzer
Laura Spayd Mentzer
Samuel Moyer
Pearl Sallade Sensenig
Carrie Smith
Maggie Klopp Warmkessel
Madeline Yingling

Class of 1928

Harold Fortna
Laura Webber Gruman
Richard Herbine
Earl Houncker
Ralph Ibach
Margaret Leininger
Aletha Miller
Arthur Moll
Marian Fidler Reynolds
Howard Schaum
Isabel Schollenberger
Byron Strauss

Class of 1929

LeRoy Anderson
Raymond Anderson
Margaret Berkheiser
Leah Dundore Ditzel
Samuel Ematat
Helen Weiss Gosch
Ethel Hamaker
Arthur Heist
Dorothy Kintzer
George Knoll
Ruth Matthew
Mary Etta Tregellas Morris
Marie Stoudt Renoll
Robert Rothermel
Mary Dundore Shanfelder
Charles Shartle

Ruth Hunsicker Snyder
Mabel Tobias

Class of 1930

Edith Weidler Eisley
Ruth Gring Engle
Ruth Trautman Essick
Margaret Gerhart
John Leininger
Nora Wagner Mannwiller
Herbert Reed
Harold Schoener
Anna Stotzin
Doris Yerger

Class of 1931

Ella Troxell Adams
May Arnold Bashore
Osborne Chapman
Edward Deck
Pearl Gruber Fisher
Charles George
Robert Kalbach
Thomas Labe
Alice Mabry
Emily Matthew
Philip Miller
Evelyn Hoffman Mohn
Frances Wenrich Raudenbusch
Harold Rabold
Ruth Schaeffer

Class of 1932

Miriam Rhoads Baer
Sue Houncker Bashore
Howard Brossman
Marjorie Chapman Epp
Ruth Long
Clyde Maulfair
Gladys Reisenweaver Miller
John Ott, Jr.
June Schwartz Potteiger
Margaret Reed Shartle
Warren Stiely
Sarah Tregellas
Mabel Wagner
Ellwood Warmkessel
Evelyn Webber

Class of 1933

Marion Schaeffer Anderson
Ralph Dissinger
Lois Moore Deck
Vernon Eiceman
Harry Emery
Irene Grimes
Margaret Zellers Gosch
Mary Hand

* Deceased.

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Harold Hoffa
Ella Kintzer Hohl
Helen Matthew
Paul Miller
Richard Miller
Willard Miller
Harry Neff
Sara Raihl Reifsnyder
LeRoy Riegel
Ruth Schwartz
Albert Standish
Clement Stiely
Althea Troxell
Earl Warmkessel
Thomas Wilhelm
Jean Hoffman Witter

Class of 1934

Charles Becker
Laura Reed Bennetch
Ruth Rabold Boyer
Elsie Hand George
Helen Rabold Hayes
Laura Lutz
Kathryn Schwartz Meiser
Elizabeth Nankivell
Elwood Noll
Harold Reed
Ruth Reed
Helen Reinhold
Irwin Stiely

Class of 1935

Prudie Bickel
Helen Reed Donly
Carriella Rothermel Frazier
Mildred Gebhard
Edwin Haak
William Hackman
Harold Hollenbach
Carolyn Moyer Hoover
Edith Keppley
George Kintzer
Warren Lengel
Dorothy Mattis
John Miller
Luke Moyer
Paul Rhoads
Lillian Becker Renzo
John Schaeffer
Edith Hoffman Sheetz
Elsie Troutman
Anna Gruber Wagner
June Lengle Wolfe
Ned Wolfe

Class of 1936

Grace Harner Brenneman
Mary Etta Filbert

Edmund Ford
Albert Galen
John Grimes
Eva Hampton
Jennie Lutz
Edward McAlvage
Betty Miller

Class of 1937

Ethel Auman
Marie Beshore
Robert Beshore
C. June Miller Bennetch
Elda Keppley Dissinger
Robert Filbert, Jr.
Helen Grimes
Pearl Gruber
LaRue Hollenbach
Jeanne Leinhard
Henry Miller
Walter Rohrer
John Strickler
Herbert Stump
Hilda Haak Swope
Emma Fisher Werner

Class of 1938

Mildred Bickel
Sara Bickel
Mabel Schock Brown
Fenwick Brown
Clyde Dengler
Louise Dissinger
Marian Eberly
Harold Eiceman
Blanche Moyer Gass
Sara Gross
Ruth Mae Himmelberger
Josephine Hower
Julia Illig
Lester Keener
Dorothy Keeney
Virginialee Keyser
George Kline
Helen Brensinger Kroeig, Jr.
John Livingood
Ruth Meade
Robert Morrison
Arlene Rhoads
Lloyd Rothermel
Roy Sheetz
Mae Schwartz
Verna Gruber Teslow
Arlene Troutman
Irene Troutman
Jacob Tryon

Class of 1939

Earl Acker

Eugene Berger
Robert Berger
Ethel Correll
Margaret Dillman
Harold Dissinger
John Eberly
Rosie Fichthorn
Agnes Fisher
Byron Gettel
Betty Hackman
Arthur Himmelberger
Jay Hollenbach
Robert Illig
William Jones
William Keener
Anna Klopp
Margaret Lengel
Barbara Marburger
William Matthew
Violet Schell
Sara Schoener
Robert Stamm, Jr.
Amelia Wagner

Class of 1940

Racheal Binkley
Earl Bright
Dorothy Brocious
Marion Davis
Winifred Fritz
Marie Deppen
Dorothy Good
Robert Hackman
Helena Hamaker
Dora Hampton
Kathryn Haueisen
Erma Heim
Earl Ibach
Florence Hettinger
Laura Keppley
Jean Johnson
Elizabeth Lengle
Kathryn Lutz
Earl Mattis
Richard Mountz
Edward Mull
Mae Moyer
William Rothermel
Ruth Rhoads
Harry Schaeffer
Betty Schaum
Carroll Schoener
Beatrice Shurr
Jean Tryon
Margaret Thomas
Paul Weierbach

History of Womelsdorf

ACCORDING to authoritative sources, Womelsdorf, our home town, was founded in the year 1792 by John Womelsdorf. However, records show that in 1723 thirty-three families had begun a settlement at the site of our present town. When this settlement was made, Washington had not yet been born, the Declaration of Independence was still fifty years away, and the Constitution of the United States was sixty-five years away.

Little information concerning the growth and activity of the settlement from the date it was founded until the Revolutionary War can be found. However, it is known that the tiny settlement and its surrounding country bore the brunt of savage Indian attacks during pre-Revolutionary Days. Womelsdorf, or Middletown, as it was called, had one character of distinction in that period. The name of Colonel Conrad Weiser has gone into the history of Pennsylvania as a famous Indian interpreter and pioneer. Col. Weiser accomplished much in establishing the peace between the settlers and the Indians in Pennsylvania.

During the Revolutionary War, the settlers contributed a great deal to the winning of independence. A greater part of the settlers eagerly marched with the army of freedom for the cause that many men of the town and country later gave their lives to save.

With the War ended, the time for growth and progress had come. The great Easton Road was built. This road contributed much to the growth of the town. It was at this time known as Middletown, because of its situation along the road.

In 1792 Womelsdorf erected its first church. At the same time the Union Canal was started. In 1793 Womelsdorf was honored by a visit by George Washington, our first President.

Between 1816 and 1817 the town was named Womelsdorf for its founder, John Womelsdorf. In the year 1807 the first post office was established. At about the same time Rev. John Schulze, later twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania, assisted his father as resident pastor in Womelsdorf.

In 1833 Womelsdorf was incorporated into a borough. There is little known about the growth of the borough between 1850 and 1875. In 1894 the trolley line was built between Reading and Womelsdorf.

With the beginning of the twentieth century, Womelsdorf, as well as neighboring towns, had become well established as an industrial town. Factories and mills sprang up, employing men of the borough. The town by this time had a population of about 1,000 people. In the years following, there were not many changes. Old familiar faces passed away, new faces took their places and, as all other towns, Womelsdorf flourished. The people known as Pennsylvania "Dutch," were industrious and progressive. New mills were founded, the population was increased, until, in 1940, it had reached 1500.

And so from a little settlement near the banks of the Tulpehocken grew a town, founded by hardy pioneers, typical of hundreds of towns throughout our country.

We, as citizens of this town, can certainly be proud of our ancestral heritage, which struggled through the dark days of strife with man and the elements to produce a progressive and one-hundred per cent community.

Patrons

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Putt	Judge Guy K. Bard
Mr. and Mrs. Huber K. Hackman	Margaret Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bashore	John Schaeffer
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fichthorn	Mr. Clyde Maulfair
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fisher	Miss Ethel Hamaker
Miss Dorothy Good	Mrs. Mary E. Shultz
Mr. Dean M. Aungst	Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerhart
Eddie "Asco" Miller	Emma Bennetch
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